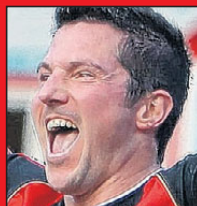


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What will it mean for Saints –
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TADIC: I'LL SOON BE BACK TO MY BEST



DUSAN Tadic admits he is still not 100 per cent fit – but is hoping a more manageable fixture list will help him get back to his best soon.

The midfielder has been playing through a groin problem in the last few months, with a hectic schedule meaning he has had little time for rest and recovery.

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Tadic said: “I don’t feel still 100 per cent, and I hope soon I am going to be 100 per cent and that, finally, I’m going to feel good.

“This is really important for me, this is most important for me in

this moment, and I just want to feel 100 per cent and then I’m going to help out my team.”

Saints have played 12 Premier League games – plus four cup fixtures – in the two-and-a-half months since the start of December. Having emerged from that busy period, they are left facing just 13 matches between now and the end of May.

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Tues 17th March	Milets Farm Centre, Abingdon		A	£16.00	£16.00	£16.00
Tues 21st April	Salisbury and Salisbury Market		A	£14.00	£14.00	£14.00
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Tadic: I'll be back to my best soon

FROM FRONT PAGE

Tadic believes the additional time between games will help him return to top form.

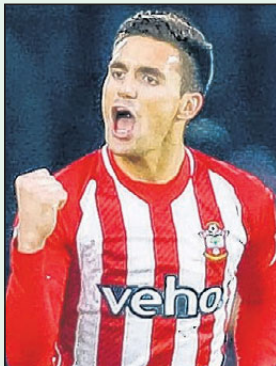
"Yes, exactly, I think this is really important, that now we don't have so many games and then I can recover quicker and I hope that, finally, I'm going to be 100 per cent, because I really want that," he said.

"Every day I work hard for that and I hope finally it's going to come, that moment."

Tadic, who signed from FC Twente last summer, was in dazzling form during the first few months of the season, but has struggled to make such a consistent impact recently.

Manager Ronald Koeman put that largely down to the sheer number of games, which means he has been unable to completely shake his injury problems.

Having also been used to a



DUSAN TADIC

winter break in the past, Koeman said it has been difficult for Tadic to adapt to playing so often at that time of year.

He has praised the midfielder's attitude, however, revealing how desperately hard he has been working to recapture his form – even to the point of voluntarily coming in to train on his days off.

Koeman is keen for Tadic to actually take a bit more rest, and, while the 26-year-old says he will follow his manager's advice, he admits he finds it a challenge to stop working.

"Yes, but when you have problems, you know, you want to sort those problems quick as possible, and then I think you need to work hard," he said.

"But I think manager is right – sometimes I need to take rest."

"But, in this moment, when I have problems with injuries, I want to finish that as quick as possible and to don't have any more problems, because then I'm going to be much fitter and I can help my team much more."

Asked if he would be taking any days off soon, Tadic smiled and said: "Yes, when I get 100 per cent then I'm going to get a couple of days off."

BEAUTIFUL SOUTH

BY DAREN WHEELER

FA Cup weekend – it's one of those times when "concentrating on the league" seems a little bit useless whilst you twiddle your thumbs waiting for next weekend, for your next footballing fix.

Our defeat at home to Crystal Palace means for most of us there was a very real threat of shopping on a Saturday.

You can imagine the sights for yourself.

All across Southampton, men are traipsing around Pandora and Ernest Jones, feigning interest at the charm bracelets and thumb rings on show as they bemoan the loss of an FA Cup tie.

Across Southampton, men are buying small, shiny pebbles with holes in them, wrapped in silver with a piece of paper under them in the glass cabinet saying "forever" or "eternity" as ruthless jewellers take advantage of men's blatant lack of interest.

Like extras from Shaun Of The Dead, they trudge around West Quay, blindly saying "Yeah, that looks nice" without a single thought about the £50 price tag.

Men of Southampton – you are paying £50 for a small pebble masquerading as a "charm".

The self same partners who almost have a coronary at the price of your football ticket are now spending the same amount of money on a bit of rock that symbolizes "eternity".

SEIZE THE MOMENT

Seize the moment, cast down your shopping bags.

Point out, subtly, the following...

"Darling, that charm is wonderful. Eternity? That's the time period I intend on spending with you. Oh look! That beautiful, symbolic charm costs the same as a trip to St Mary's!"

"Let's bear that in mind the next time we row about how I spend my money."

"A charm can, indeed, live forever, (most likely in the jewellery drawer with the rest of the must have items you seem to have forgotten about), but the memories of the Saints can also live on through the mists of time..."

If you can get away with that and remain in one piece then freedom is indeed yours.

Good luck my brave, brave compadre.

Enjoy your shopping...

The lack of cup football, especially at this stage, is particularly frustrating.

As Sky continue to dominate English football, the importance of cup football seems to get more and prevalent as it's your only chance of any



STILL FEELING FLAT AFTER SAINTS' FA CUP EXIT?

We should. This weekend's a reminder we missed a golden chance to win it!

success.

Sky and BT Sport have paid a record £5.136bn for live Premier League TV rights for three seasons from 2016-17.

As such, the gap between the have and have nots becomes greater and greater.

Getting into the Premier League and staying up gets increasingly harder as the relegated teams arrive in the Championship with huge amounts of money, competing with teams that quite simply... don't.

That said, the pressure is on those clubs to bounce back as soon as possible as the loss of that income could devastate clubs, leaving

them to, shock horror, live within their means.

I had an interesting conversation with a Pompey fan this week. "It's all about the money, innit?" he mused, "I've had enough of football, it's all about the grass roots for me now."

CHUCK MONEY AT IT

What he meant was that he now realised that League Two will be Pompey's home for a very, very long time.

And whilst they all got caught up in the hype of Andy Awwful's blue and white army, the sad truth is that Pompey aren't that good at not

chucking money at the problem.

They can't handle the fact that the glory days are even further from their grasp and as long as Sky dominate the sport, and unless another idiot with more money than sense buys them, they're going to be in that league for at least another ten years.

But the dominance of Sky is a bad thing.

It always has been.

Yes it brings football to the masses, but it does so in a format that sometimes seems little more than brainwashing.

Advertising is everywhere and football fans become consumers and customers.

BEAUTIFUL SOUTH

BY DAREN WHEELER

DOWN AND OUT: Nathaniel Clyne after Saints' FA Cup exit at the hands of Crystal Palace.



Don't get me wrong, it's great that you can watch so many games, in so many ways.

I can watch the game live on my phone for crying out loud, but the question that needs to be asked is... should we be able to do that?

There was a time that football was the preserve of those who actually got off their backsides and went to the games.

The stats nerds would sulk in the corner as those who went to the game talked about the game – and did so with the authority of someone who had seen it all live and personal.

The interlopers would read the papers and try and join in the con-

versation, but all it would take is a: "So what do you think is Steve Moran's greatest strength?" And they would flounder and fail.

Today, every footballer's performance is analysed ad infinitum, to the extent that anyone can bluff their way through a football conversation without ever seeing a live game.

DOWNSIDE

It's not that I begrudge this, the more people who get your passion the better, but the downside is that less and less people can afford to go to matches.

Clubs don't seem to care about

getting actual bums on actual seats and get the next generation watching their club.

Instead, the clubs seem to think that the TV set will do it all for them.

It's the footballing equivalent of using the TV to raise your children.

Don't worry about getting kids to watch actual live games, they'll get caught up in the televisual hysteria and find your club that way.

Nothing, but nothing, beats a day out at the football.

Nothing beats the walk up to the ground, the pint at the pub, the talking of complete and utter nonsense as you debate football all day

long. Your Soccer Saturdays, your smartphone apps, your Match Of The Day, and all the rest will never, ever beat that live game feel. No way.

Clubs of England, by all means celebrate the arrival of a new TV revenue deal.

But ignore the need for real interaction at your peril.

As I said, I had a conversation with a Pompey fan this week.

We all know what happens to clubs that ignore their need for matchday revenue and long term strategies.

They end up like Portsmouth.

And we know we don't need any more of them, do we?

Yakubu hits late winner

FORMER Portsmouth, Everton and Middlesbrough striker Ayegbeni Yakubu showed his class in front of goal as Reading swept into the last eight of the FA Cup at the expense of a Derby side reduced to 10 men for 50 minutes.

Derby looked the better side until full-back Stephen Warnock was sent off for a second yellow card in the 39th minute, but Reading made the advantage count.

Simon Cox had a powerful shot blocked as Reading piled forward and their extra man paid off in the 53rd minute when a rapid counter-attack ended with the same player escaping on the right to deliver a clever pass for Hal Robson-Kanu to curl left-footed inside the far post.

Reading, who had previously lost to Derby in the Championship and the Capital One Cup this season, stayed in front for only seven minutes and it was the in-form Darren Bent who scored – his fifth goal in as many games since joining the Rams on loan from Aston Villa and his ninth in his last 10 FA Cup appearances.

However, nine minutes from time Reading got back in front when a Derby attack fizzled out and left them short-handed at the back.

Cox swept the ball straight through Derby's floundering back line and there was substitute Yakubu to underline his quality by powering forward and firing home a clinical left-footed shot from the edge of the box.

Blackburn thump Stoke

TEN-man Stoke suffered FA Cup embarrassment at Ewood Park as they were torn apart 4-1 by a second-string Blackburn side with Josh King, one of those fringe players, scoring a hat-trick.

The 23-year-old, making only his 14th appearance this season and with just one league goal to his name, terrorised a Potters defence which was severely hampered by the sending off of Geoff Cameron just before half-time.

King's poacher's finish equalised Peter Crouch's early goal before he won the penalty from which Rudy Gestede scored his 14th of the campaign when he was pulled back by Cameron.

The 23-year-old Norway international had caused the visitors problems with his blistering pace before the break, but he enjoyed the extra space available against 10 men for 45 minutes and twice raced clear to score with virtually identical goals just 10 minutes into the second half.

Brown's at the double for Baggies

REINVIGORATED striker Brown Ideye inspired West Brom to a 4-0 FA Cup romp against West Ham as the Baggies reached the quarter-finals in style.

The striker bagged two as he continued his remarkable return to form under head coach Tony Pulis.

James Morrison and Saido Berahino also scored while former Albion loanee Morgan Amalfitano was sent off for the Hammers just 10 minutes after coming on.

Ideye, a £10million record buy, was set to leave the Baggies on deadline day for Qatari club Al Gharafa but stayed because they failed to land Carlton Cole from the Hammers.

Cole stayed at Upton Park after their move for Tottenham's Emmanuel Adebayor broke down and since then Ideye, pictured below, has scored four goals in three games.

Ideye and Berahino started as their blossoming partnership continued while Craig Gardner replaced the cup-tied Darren Fletcher and Stephane Sessegnon came in for Callum McManaman.

Kevin Nolan and Mark Noble returned for the Hammers with ex-Baggies target Cole on the bench.

After an even opening Ryan Cresswell fired a free-kick over but the Baggies took control and



deservedly opened the scoring on 20 minutes.

Craig Dawson won Gardner's crossfield ball ahead of Cresswell to break down the right and, with Ideye free in the centre, found the striker who converted from five yards.

The Baggies grabbed a deserved second when Morrison rode Noble's challenge and lashed into the corner from 25 yards and a third then arrived on 57 minutes from Ideye when he nodded in Sessegnon's cross from six yards.

The Hammers had offered little but Ben Foster had to save well from Diafra Sakho's header, with McAuley then clearing off the line on 65 minutes.

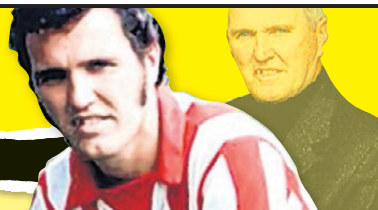
But West Ham imploded with 20 minutes left when Amalfitano – who was on loan at West Brom last season – was sent off just 10 minutes after replacing Nolan.

He was initially booked for a foul on Chris Brunt but reacted by pushing the midfielder in the face to receive a straight red.

Then, barely two minutes later, Berahino rifled in from a tight angle to spark a mass exodus of the travelling West Ham fans.

Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football



FIFA SET FOR

OVER the next few months, the eyes of the world will gain a brief insight into the inner workings of football's world governing body, FIFA.

Amid long-standing corruption allegations and the chaotic process that culminated in the award of the 2018 and 2022 World Cups to Russia and Qatar respectively, the organisation will seek to elect a new president this May.

The incumbent, Switzerland's Sepp Blatter, has become so synonymous with controversy during his first four four-year terms that you would think his position would be untenable by now.

This is not the case, however. Despite previously stating he would not seek re-election for a fifth term, Blatter is keen on retaining his place in charge.

It is not hard to see why, considering the vast power and reach he has.

So powerful, it has been alleged that any nation wanting to host a World Cup must agree to implement special laws at FIFA's discretion – laws that included blanket tax exemption for FIFA and its sponsors, as well as the limitation of workers' rights.

JUSTICE IS SWIFT

In 2010, hosts South Africa even gave FIFA the power to set up their own judicial court system to deal with World Cup-related indiscretions.

Two Zimbabweans, who robbed foreign journalists on a Wednesday, were arrested the next day, before starting 15-year jail sentences on the Friday.

FIFA justice is swift indeed.

Four years later, in Brazil, FIFA secretary general Jerome Valcke made no secret of the organisation's unhappiness towards the alcohol ban at the nation's football stadia – a law created to tackle violence and hooliganism.

This, of course, would heavily affect sponsorship deals made with Budweiser.

It was not long before Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff signed the "Budweiser Bill", agreeing to lift the alcohol ban for the duration of the competition.

Blatter can sometimes be as offensive as he is powerful.

Once, when asked what he thought could be done to promote the woman's game on the global stage, the 79-year-old replied "wear shorter shorts".

Last week marked the deadline



for applications of those who wished to stand against him in the upcoming election and the list of candidates is surprisingly short, at only three names.

They are chairman of the Dutch Football Association Michael Van Praag, former Real Madrid and

Portugal star Luis Figo, and son of the late King Hussein of Jordan, Prince Ali Bin Al-Hussein.

There are two main prerequisites to standing.

Firstly, two years out of the last five must have been spent operat-

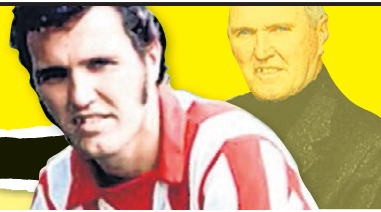
ing in a footballing capacity of some sort and, secondly, a candidate must have the support of five football federations.

That ruled out David Ginola, who had earlier announced he would run.

The first person to declare

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West Ham striker Andy Carroll out for season

WEST Ham once again face the prospect of having their record signing on the sidelines for a prolonged period of time after confirming Andy Carroll is likely to miss the rest of the season with a knee injury.

The 26-year-old requires surgery on a ligament issue suffered during the Hammers' 0-0 draw at Southampton on Wednesday night – with the recovery period expected to see the England striker absent beyond the end of the current campaign.

Manager Sam Allardyce had hoped Carroll, pictured below, would miss less than two months with his latest injury but the club confirmed on Friday afternoon that he requires surgery.

Having already had surgery on a foot injury at the start of this season and with a heel problem sidelining him for seven months last year, Allardyce knows Carroll must remain positive during yet another rehabilitation period.

"It is a completely new injury," explained Allardyce. "We thought it might be a recurrence but we have analysed it, unfortunately it is a new one and looks more serious than the original one."



"It is traumatic when someone is going through a period where you overcome one injury and another occurs. We thought we were there and then (he was injured against) Liverpool and now this one in a short period of time."

"It is very depressing for Andy but he knows the process and he has to be strong to overcome this injury as quickly as possible."

Carroll's prolonged absence is likely to give Carlton Cole further first-team opportunities – with the 31-year-old expected to leading the line in today's 4-0 FA Cup fifth-round defeat at West Brom.

The former Chelsea striker almost completed a deadline day move to the Hawthorns before West Ham pulled the plug after their own attempts to land Tottenham's Emmanuel Adebayor on loan failed.

However, co-owner David Sullivan revealed the club are seeking back-up for Enner Valencia, Diafra Sakho and Cole.

Sullivan told LBC: "We are looking around the world to see if there are any out of contract strikers we can bring in to give us some sort of back-up."

BIG CHANGES



WINNER: Germany's Thomas Müller celebrates winning the World Cup last year.



ALL CHANGE: FIFA chief Sepp Blatter, main pic, his rival for the presidency Prince Ali Bin Hussein left.

The fact that Blatter took the World Cup to Asia and Africa for the first time means that these federations, as well as the South American block, which benefited from hosting in 2014, were all but certain to vote for the incumbent.

As a result, Platini had to look outside of Europe to find a stalking horse and he found it in the likes of Prince Ali, a very young member of the FIFA Executive Committee.

Prince Ali has been backed by England, Malta, Georgia, Belarus, Jordan and reportedly the United States.

Lacking in popularity in his own Asian federation, who have already stated they would not support his candidacy in any way, Prince Ali is being sent by Platini in an attempt to torpedo Blatter.

However, he is barely a legitimate candidate, with limited experience, diffuse support and few achievements.

His defining one was pushing for FIFA to lift a ban on wearing hijabs for Muslim women.

Prince Ali has laid down the gauntlet to Blatter and requested a public debate between the two.

PUBLICITY STUNT

This is clearly a publicity stunt, and one doubts that Blatter would ever agree to this, considering he has been booed by at many public appearances.

A speech due to be given by Blatter at the World Cup was cut to avoid further embarrassment and, as recently as last Saturday, Australians, evidently still bitter at losing out on the right to host the 2022 tournament to Qatar, let Blatter know their disapproval by jeering his attendance at the Asian Cup final, in Sydney.

It is a sad state of affairs when the most qualified people for a role are deterred from entering because they fear the repercussions.

It is especially disconcerting given the ongoing speculation that engulfs the organisation.

A sheer lack of transparency doesn't help.

Champagne demanded a "proper debate about the game's future and that of its governing body," but it's just a shame the "need for new impetus, fresh air, new vision and some momentum" can't be provided by someone who has the knowledge, diplomacy and integrity to carry it out.

Who would you vote for?

intention to run, Jerome Champagne – who failed to receive the five letters of support necessary – denounced the process, citing that many associations "feared reprisals" should they vote for him.

When Blatter announced he

would not be seeking a fifth term, it was widely believed that three-time Ballon D'or winner and UEFA president Michel Platini would be the natural replacement, but the Frenchman understands the difficulties in taking on such an institution.

UEFA desperately want an "anti-Blatter" candidate, but for the longest time have had tremendous difficulty in finding one.

Partly because they know, like Platini, that running against Blatter could result in career humiliation.

Saints Spotlight



SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2014/15

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Sat 23 West Brom	H	D 0-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Bertrand	Schneiderlin	Wanyama	Tadic	S Davis*	W-Prowse**	Pelle	Long*	Cork**	
Tues 26 Millwall (LC 2)	A	W 2-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Targett	S Davis	Wanyama**	Isgrove*	Long***	W-Prowse	Pelle 1	Tadic*	Cork 1**	Ramirez***
Sat 30 West Ham	A	W 3-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Bertrand	Schneiderlin 2	S Davis	Tadic	W-Prowse**	Long*	Pelle 1	Ramirez*	Cork**	
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Sat 20 Swansea	A	W 1-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida*	Bertrand	Cork**	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse***	Tadic	Long	Pelle	Gardos*	S Davis**	Wanyama 1***
Tues 23 Arsenal (LC3)	A	W 2-1	Forster	Clyne 1	Fonte	Gardos	Targett**	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic 1	Mane*	Pelle	Long*	Bertrand**	
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Sat 18 Sunderland	H	W 8-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Cork 1	Schneiderlin	S Davis*	Tadic 1	Long**	Pelle 2**	Wanyama 1*	Mane**	Mayuka***
Sat 25 Stoke	H	W 1-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Cork*	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Tadic	Mane 1	Pelle	Wanyama*	Gardos**	
Weds 29 Stoke (LC4)	A	W 3-2	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Gardos**	Targett	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis*	Tadic	Long 1	Pelle 2	Cork*	Alderweireld**	
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Sat 1 Hull	A	W 1-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Wanyama 1	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic**	Long*	Pelle	Mane*	Cork**	
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DECEMBER																
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Mon 8 Man United	H	L 1-2	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Bertrand	Wanyama	S Davis	Long**	Tadic*	Mane	Pelle 1	Hesketh*	Mayuka**	
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Tues 16 Sheff Utd (LC5)	A	L 0-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Gardos	Targett*	Wanyama***	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse	Bertrand	Mane**	Long	Isgrove*	Mayuka**	Alderweireld***
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Fri 26 Crystal Palace	A	W 3-1	Forster	Clyne***	Gardos	Alderweireld 1	Yoshida	Bertrand 1	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse	S Davis*	Mane 1	Pelle**	Wanyama*	Long**	McCarthy***
Sat 28 Chelsea	H	D 1-1	Forster	Yoshida**	Fonte	Alderweireld	Targett	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis***	Tadic*	Mane 1	Pelle	W-Prowse*	Gardos**	Long***
JANUARY																
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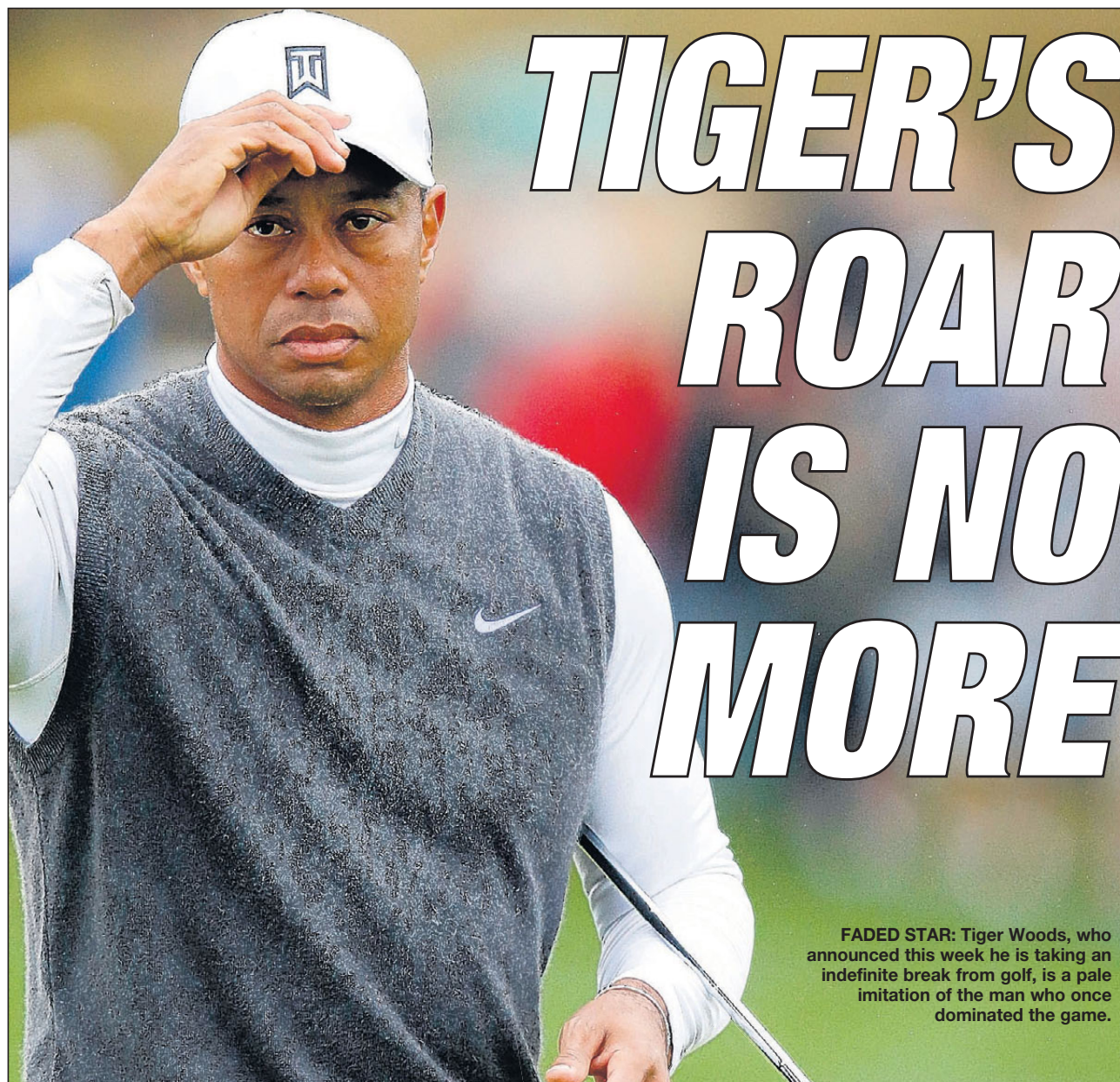
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Adam Rant



This week's big talking points
with **Adam Leitch**



TIGER'S ROAR IS NO MORE

FADED STAR: Tiger Woods, who announced this week he is taking an indefinite break from golf, is a pale imitation of the man who once dominated the game.

SPORT is a mirror of life, and that means it can throw up the most surprising stories.

Cast your mind back a decade. There was a sportsman called Tiger Woods. He played golf, you may recall.

He seemed to have it all – the money, the endorsements, the gorgeous wife, and a trophy cabinet whose shelves were bowing under colossal weight.

Woods was lauded as the greatest golfer of all-time, by some as the greatest individual sportsman of all-time.

He was a global icon, somebody whose fame transcended sport, and it seemed only a matter of time until he would break Jack Nicklaus's record haul of major wins.

That could not seem further away than it is today. Woods this week announced he is taking an indefinite break away from golf.

Many more casual viewers never realised he had made a proper comeback.

Woods is a pale imitation of all the things he used to be. He lost many of the endorsements, and the ones he has retained don't seem to reflect off him with the same radiance they once did. The wife has gone and with her his reputation, which unravelled spectacularly.

The trophy cabinet is rarely bothered

any further these days and the notion that he would be a dominant force in his sport for generations, would beat the Nicklaus record and be considered the greatest sportsman ever seem laughable.

Woods is all reputation now. The man who seemingly had it all, and threw so much of it away. His story is a life story. You can find these kind of characters all over the place, but few have done it so in the public eye as Woods has.

His sporting tale begins from birth, and this seemingly pre-destined course he was taking to the top of the golfing world. Underneath the sheen and veneer though lay a real human, not a robot golfer.

He battled away to try and hold back the pressures, and what he sought to do to remedy that mentally. He rebelled and it landed him in hot water.

Now we don't know when we will see Woods again, and whether he will ever recapture his past form. The chances are that it might just be a distant and fading memory now.

It has been seven years since he last won a major title, and that might yet prove to be his last as well. To imagine him getting

back to his best is quite a stretch after all the water that has passed under the bridge, not to mention that the sport and other players have moved on while he has floundered.

Where he once traded on his aura, where his presence on the leaderboard alone was enough pressure to make his opponents wilt, now he can only rely on his ability and his scoring on the course.

It hasn't been anywhere near good enough.

The truth, though he has suffered nasty injuries, is that there are more mental rather than physical battles to overcome for Woods.

He will be hoping that this time away from the game sparks a hunger and a desire to commit himself to better things in the future.

Not all these stories have the fairytale ending though.

Boycott tells it how it is

IN world of sterilised television coverage of top level sport, thank goodness for Geoff Boycott.

The Yorkshireman, pictured below, was rattling cages again this week ahead of the cricket World Cup, saying that England captain Eoin Morgan 'isn't as good as he thinks he is'.

It produced a bit of a backlash and a tirade from some, but Adam Rant is grateful for Boycott's continued presence in the commentary box.

You don't always have to agree with Boycott, but you can only respect the fact that he will say what he thinks, and hang the consequences.

Some of the bland rubbish that is spouted elsewhere in cricket, and in other sports, by so called expert pundits is woeful.

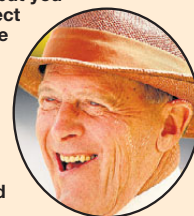
The ex-player syndrome means that some pundits can deliver a tactical analysis, but provide no deeper thought than that. They don't want to upset, to rub people up the wrong way.

They are being paid handsomely for these innermost thoughts, yet they still keep them to themselves, either due to fear of upsetting their peers or because they are utterly bland individuals.

It's why journalism suffers these days. These guys really aren't very interesting. It gets considerably worse when they are made presenters or put behind the microphone to ask questions.

We don't need personalities, we need analysis and punditry. It adds to our enjoyment of sport.

And, no matter what anybody thinks of Boycott, he calls it as he sees it, and long may that continue.



How to get lots of money

ADAM Rant has to confess to being puzzled by the world sometimes.

This week it was announced that the next Premier League TV deal will be worth more than £5bn.

Of that figure Sky have the lion's share, as they are paying £4.1bn over a three year period for their live games.

It was announced just a few months ago that the Sky group had debts totalling more than £6bn, that went up substantially after some acquisitions in Europe.

We have all learned over the last few years that the financial world works in mysterious ways, but it is tricky to fathom how a company so heavily in debt can be able to bid these sums of cash for sport.

Will it seriously bring its debt back down? It was more than £2bn before the acquisitions they made.

If you try and think about it in terms of household finances it will make your head explode – you have lots of debt, but you can finance a hard-to-justify spend because that is your best chance of being profitable and paying back the debt. Don't we call that good money after bad?

History of footie on small screen

THE first televised game was screened by the BBC in 1936 (ITV did not appear on our screens until September 1955).

Bizarrely, the first match shown was a specially-arranged friendly match between Arsenal and Arsenal Reserves at Highbury in September 1937.

The first televised international match, between England and Scotland, was screened the following April.

The first televised FA Cup final followed soon after, on April 30 1938, between Huddersfield Town and Preston North End.

In October 1946, the first live televised football match was broadcast by the BBC from Barnet's home ground Underhill.

Twenty minutes of their non-league game against Wealdstone were televised in the first half and 35 minutes of the second half before it became too dark.

There were no floodlights at any ground in those early post-war days.

For the next two decades, the only matches screened were FA



BOX OFFICE DRAW:
Stanley Matthews.

Cup finals and the occasional England versus Scotland match.

The first FA Cup tie other than the final to be shown was a fifth-round match between Charlton and Blackburn Rovers in February 1947.

For many years, only games in London could be broadcast, for technical reasons.

The advent of floodlights led to the creation of the European Cup, designed as a midweek cup competition for the champions of European nations, in 1955.

The newly formed ITV saw televised football as an ideal way of gaining a share of the audience from their only rival, the BBC.

The BBC, for their part, started showing brief highlights of matches (with a maximum of five minutes) on its Saturday-night *Sports Special* programme from September 1955 until 1963.

An early attempt at live league football was made in 1960-61, when ITV agreed a deal worth £150,000 with the Football League to screen 26 matches.

The very first live league match was on Saturday, September 10 1960 between Blackpool and Bolton at Bloomfield Road.

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Premiership Spotlight



SMILE! YOU'RE

Top-flight clubs' TV money increases 100-fold in 27 years

IT IS mid-July 1988.

The most well known natives of the old English first division are getting increasingly restless.

They are fed up receiving what they see as small amounts of cash from television deals, compared to what they feel they could earn elsewhere.

Put bluntly, ten clubs believe they should bank more money than their less famous counterparts in the same top light.

Those ten are Liverpool, Manchester United, Everton, Tottenham, West Ham, Arsenal, Nottingham Forest, Aston Villa, Sheffield Wednesday and Newcastle.

Those are the ten clubs that want to sign an exclusive television deal that would split the English league's top division in two.

And in mid-July 1988 it was looking increasingly likely that they would have to go it alone and create their own Super League if they wanted their own way.

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The Football League had gone to the High Court to take out an injunction against the ten want-aways.

Under this injunction, effective until July 19, the rebels were prevented from "entering into any agreement for the televising of any league matches without the consent of the league management committee."

Earlier in the day, the other 82 league clubs agreed to oppose any private deal with ITV.

Before the injunction,

the ten rebels were due to sign a £32m deal with ITV on July 13, 1988.

The rebels' deal with ITV would have meant a certain split with the Football League which had negotiated a £39m package with the BBC and British Satellite Broadcasting (BSB) on behalf of all 92 league clubs.

This BBC/BSB deal, which like the ITV offer covers a four-year period, had been raised to £42m. £42m for four years. £10.5m a year.

Compared to the £5.136 BILLION Sky and BT Sport have just agreed to pay to cover the Premier League from 2016 to 2019.

That is the mind boggling difference between the top flight of English football in 2015, compared to just 27 years ago.

Back in July 1988, Professional Footballers Association head Gordon Taylor had this to say about the distribution of television money.

"I would like to see every first division side starting off with a basic £100,000 from TV money," he outlined.

"That would account £2m and a further £1.5m can be split between the other divisions that would leave £4.75m to be used as match fees."

With the glorious benefit of hindsight, his words now seem quite quaint.

They seem to belong to a completely different era, and of course they do.

Each top flight club starting off with £100,000.

Compared to the £100m a season – ONE HUNDRED MILLION POUNDS A SEASON – the Premier League clubs stand to rake in from 2016/17 onwards

In the space of a generation, the financial landscape has been totally



CASH COW:
Rupert Murdoch.

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ON CAMERA



LIFE THROUGH A LENS: A view of St Mary's Stadium from the viewpoint of a TV camera.

changed forever.

Back in 1988, of course, eventually peace broke out.

The rebel clubs did not break away.

They did not sign their deal with ITV.

The status quo was preserved.

Not for too long, though.

A few years later, all the top flight clubs – including Saints – elected to resign en bloc from the Football League.

Backed by Rupert Murdoch's millions, the Premier League was born out of the ashes of the old first division in the summer of 1992.

In its purest form, greed was at the centre of the then seismic move.

The top clubs, as with four years earlier, believed they deserved a far greater share of the television money.

Their games were watched by more fans, so they should collect the biggest pots of cash.

And that is exactly what has happened.

But surely no one – in the corridors of power at Anfield, at Old Trafford, at Stamford Bridge, even at The Dell – could ever have envisaged.

This week 23 years ago, in February 1992, Saints travelled to play Chelsea in the last first division season.

The crowd – if you could call it that, more of a gathering really – was just 7,148.

To watch a top flight game at Stamford Bridge.

Wind the clock forward and Chelsea now average over 40,000, and are one of the best teams in Europe.

Had the Premier League never happened, where would Chelsea be now?

STAR SIGNING:

Kevin Keegan was the reigning European Footballer of the Year when he signed for Saints.



Where would Saints be now, come to think of it?

They had to move from their antiquated Dell ground in order to increase their revenue streams.

Back in the 70s and 80s they didn't need to, because there was far more of a level playing field.

Saints could still attract great players – and they didn't come much bigger than the reigning European Footballer of the Year, Kevin Keegan – without having to leave The Dell.

From the start of the 2016/17 season, all Premier League clubs could literally be swimming in cash.

Whether they win the title or finish bottom, all members of the richest league in the world can expect to bank over £100m from television cash.

It is a truly remarkable figure.

In 2008/09, the financial year covering parent company Southampton Leisure Holdings PLC's administration, Saints' entire income was only £8.85m.

The following year, Saints' first under new owner Markus Liebherr and in the third division, turnover rose to £14.2m.

Of that, the club received £800,000 in television revenues.

Compared to the £100m plus they will get providing they are still rubbing shoulders with the elite of English football come 2016/17.

Who knows, perhaps Saints will be a part of the elite by then!

Last season, when a new television deal kicked in, Saints ended up with over £60m in TV revenue.

Of that, £52.2m came from their equal share of the TV cash. Champions Manchester City received that amount, as did rock bottom Cardiff City.

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The match kicked off at 6:50pm, though strangely live coverage did not start until 7:30pm.

Box office draw Stanley Matthews didn't play through injury, and Bolton won 1-0 in front of a half-empty stadium.

ITV never got around to screening their 26 games.

They withdrew from the deal after Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur refused them permission to film matches, while the Football League demanded bigger player appearance payments.

ITV moved again into football in 1962 when Anglia Television launched *Match of the Week*, which showed highlights of matches from around East Anglia.

Tyne Tees Television in the North East began broadcasting local matches soon after under the title *Shoot*.

To counteract that, in 1964 the BBC introduced *Match of the Day* – originally shown on BBC2 and intended to train BBC cameramen for the forthcoming 1966 World Cup.

The first match was Liverpool's 3-2 victory over Arsenal at Anfield on August 22, and the estimated audience of 20,000 was considerably less than the number of fans in the ground.

At the time BBC2 could only be received in the London area, although by the end of *Match of the Day*'s first season it was also available in parts of the Midlands.

The programme transferred to BBC1 in the wake of England's 1966 World Cup win and at last could be received by television viewers across the country.

Throughout the 70s and early



FLASHBACK: Jimmy Hill on *Match of the Day*.

80s, *The Big Match* was compulsive viewing for football fans on a Sunday afternoon (*Match of the Day* having aired the previous night).

Saints and Pompey fans on the south coast could watch Southern TV's *Big Match* with edited highlights from a game in the region.

ITV's regional-based coverage of football ended in 1983, with *The Big Match* becoming the sole football highlights programme on ITV.

That same year, the first live league match since 1960 was shown, a First Division game on Sunday, October 2 between Tottenham and Nottingham Forest at White Hart Lane.

ITV's football coverage continued and expanded throughout the 1980s, particularly after ITV finally won exclusive league rights in 1988, after which *The Big Match* was renamed simply *The Match*.

The first live game under that title was on October 30, 1988 when Everton and Manchester United drew 1-1.

After ITV lost rights to the new Premier League to British Sky Broadcasting and the BBC in 1992, regular screening of the programme stopped.

The final top-flight match shown live on ITV was Liverpool's 2-0 win over Manchester United on April 26, 1992.

TODAY'S NON-LEAGUE ACTION - SEE PAGE 17

Saints short on air time

SAINTS were largely ignored by the ITV cameras when it came to screening live football in the 80s and early 90s.

The first Football League game to be screened live on television since 1960 came from White Hart Lane in October 1983.

The hosts beat Nottingham Forest 2-1 with goals from Gary Stevens and Steve Archibald, with Colin Walsh replying.

ITV were to show nine live club games in total that season, with Saints shown in one of them – a 0-0 FA Cup draw at Sheffield Wednesday.

Saints' 2-0 home victory over Liverpool, Danny Wallace scoring twice, was also shown live on BBC.

1984/85

Liverpool were shown live in five of ITV's eight club games in 1984/85, but Saints weren't shown at all.

1985/86

As hard as it is to believe these days, but there was no football shown on BBC or ITV in the first half of the 1985/86 season.

Due to a dispute, there were no live matches and no highlights programmes either.



TV DATE: Saints v Liverpool in 1984.

Internationals were still shown live, and some games' goals were shown on Saturday night news programmes.

When football returned to the TV screens in January 1986, both the BBC and ITV decided to show highlights on Saturday nights and live games on Sunday afternoons.

Only one channel would screen a programme on any given weekend, except FA Cup weekends when one channel would have highlights and the other a live game.

There were only seven domestic games shown live on ITV all season, and two of them were the League Cup and FA Cup finals.

Saints weren't shown at all.

1986/87

Saints were again ignored by ITV when it came to screening live matches.

1987/88

ITV broke new ground this season by showing a Second Division game live on a Sunday afternoon.

That was Middlesbrough's 2-1 home victory over Aston Villa.

Again Saints were not shown in a live game.

From 1988/89 until the end of 1991/92, ITV enjoyed exclusive league rights to all four divisions.

The live networked games went out as The Match – usually on Sunday afternoons – presented by Elton Welsby or Jim Rosenthal while Brian Moore continued as ITV's chief commentator.

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EXPENSIVE WIN: Saints fans had to pay £46 to watch Dusan Tadic score the winner at Old Trafford.

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And of that £52.2m, around £21.6 million came from their share of the domestic TV rights, and around £26.3 million from overseas TV rights.

The rest, around £4.2m, came from what is known as 'central commercial'.

Saints also banked a facility fee of £8.6m last season – the money they earned from their games that were shown live.

Liverpool enjoyed the biggest facility fee of £21.9m, while Saints were one of eight clubs to bank the minimum £8.6m.

As recently as 2010/11 – when Saints were winning promotion from the third division – all the 20 Premier League clubs received 'only' £31.7m as an equal share.

In their first season back in the Premier League, 2012/13, Saints received £46.9m from broadcasting income.

Within five years, that figure will almost certainly be doubled.

Unsurprisingly, the huge sums of

money that will be flooding into the coffers has re-ignited calls for clubs such as Saints to reduce ticket prices.

For the current season, Saints put their season ticket prices up by around four per cent.

The cheapest adult season ticket for 2014/15 was £541, while the most expensive was £853 (most expensive renewal was £759).

The prices went up even though Saints, and all the other Premier League clubs, received millions more in TV contract monies in 2013/14.

If Saints are as concerned about attracting the next generation of fans as they are about producing tomorrow's players, ticket prices are one area where they can use their even great

wealth

for good.

That goes for away ticket prices, too.

Saints fans were recently charged £46 to sit and watch their team win at Old Trafford.

Though in fairness, given the historic nature of the success, no doubt most there would have gladly paid more to see the result!

Richard Caborn, a board member of the Football Foundation and a former sports minister, also believes Saints also have a duty to invest in grass-roots football.

Caborn has suggested that five per cent of

each club's television income be spent on facilities like 3G pitches.

The Football Supporters' Federation earlier this week called for "a three-pronged attack" insisting the level of funding to grass-roots football should not only be further addressed, but also there should be cuts to ticket prices and money should filter down the pyramid to the Football League clubs.

The Premier League said it spends five per cent of the current £3.01 billion TV deal on grass-roots football and good causes.

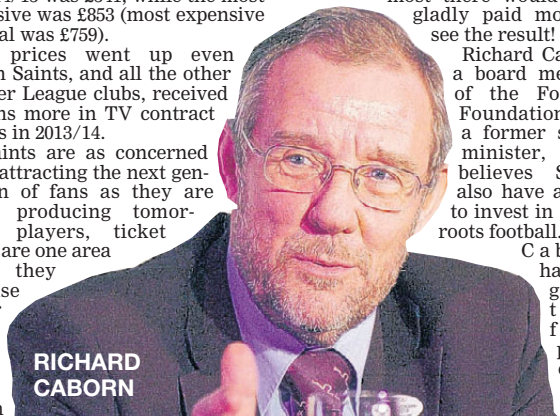
And chief executive Richard Scudamore has insisted his organisation is not a charity.

Scudamore hit back at Caborn's comments, saying: "We're not set up for charitable purposes. We are set up to be the best football competition."

"Just like in the film industry or pop industry, or any talent industry, the talent gets paid a disproportionately high amount compared to other people in the business."

"We are in the entertainment industry. The stars that grace the fields in the Premier League are world stars."

"The fans want the best talent to



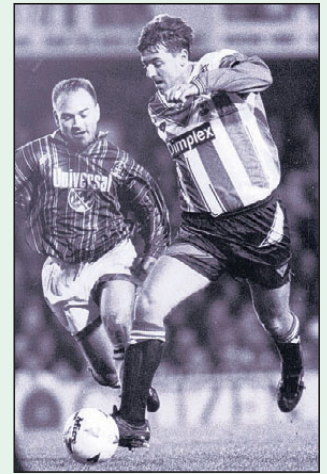
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Premiership Spotlight



FROM NEW TV DEAL?



SCREEN STAR: Matt Le Tissier.

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1988/89

ITV screened live the most remarkable climax to a top flight season in history.

Michael Thomas scored in the last minute of the last game of the campaign, on a Friday night at Anfield, to give Arsenal their first title since 1971.

ITV again failed to show Saints in a live game.

1989/90

No live games were shown until the end of October.

Even then, Manchester City's home loss to Aston Villa was only shown in the Granada and Central regions only.

Saints were again snubbed by ITV.

1990/91

Yet again, we had to wait for live matches on ITV – the first one coming in mid-September when Liverpool crushed Manchester United 4-0 at Anfield with a Peter Beardsley hat-trick.

ITV were also showing European football live now, with Manchester United in the European Cup Winners Cup and Aston Villa in the UEFA Cup.

For the first time since 1984, ITV showed a Saints league game live when they televised the Easter Monday win over Liverpool at The Dell.

Matt Le Tissier scored the only goal as Saints beat their high-flying visitors.

1991/92

Yet again, there were no live leagues shown until mid September.

ITV again screened European football live, but BBC had the contract to show Liverpool's UEFA Cup games.

Saints kept up their record of having never conceded a goal live on ITV by winning 1-0 at Manchester City through Iain Dowie's goal.

come and play in the Premier League."

The Premier League jointly funds the Football Foundation, providing £12m annually, along with the FA and the Government who each provide £10m.

Caborn said: "Community funding from the Premier League has not kept pace with its increase in television income and I would challenge the chairmen to commit five per cent of their total receipts to grass-roots football."

"The number of 3G pitches we have in England is tiny compared with countries such as Germany, and the same goes for the number of coaches when you compare us with Spain for example."

Five per cent of the 2016-19 UK television deal would work out at £86million a year, and if the overseas TV rights bring in another £3billion that would total £136million annually for grass-roots football under Caborn's proposal, which would exclude parachute and solidarity payments to Football League.

The Premier League has said it has committed five per cent of its 2013-16 UK rights to grass roots and good causes – £168m over the three-season term, or £56m a season.

That includes the funding to the Football Foundation, as well as school sport, community coaching, Football

League and Conference community projects, and the Prince's Trust Football Initiative.

FSF chairman Malcolm Clarke said the Premier League was a "monster that is out of

the FA's control" but that there was an opportunity for club chairmen to use the income for the benefit of the wider game.

He said: "People keep using the word 'obscene', but it's not obscene we're getting this amount of money into English football."

"What might be obscene is how it's used."

It is not hard to see both sides of this particular coin.

Yes, it is fairly easy to agree with Caborn's suggestion.

The Premier League clubs are sitting on ridiculous amounts of wealth, while local councils struggle to maintain parks pitches and changing rooms used to adults and children alike at grass roots levels.

And what is an extra couple of million a year to help fund local grass-roots projects, for a club like Manchester United, Manchester City or Chelsea?

Or Saints?

They're not really going to miss that relatively small amount, are they?

On the other hand, you can't

really argue with Scudamore's counter-claims either.

Premier League clubs are not charities.

They are forever embroiled in a battle to either challenge for the prized European places, or to keep their heads above the dreaded drop zone.

They will argue they need all the money they can get in order to try and sign the best players they can.

No one wants to be relegated from the Premier League, because of the massive reductions in revenues it causes more than anything else.

Once the next television contract kicks in, that fear factor will only be increased ten-fold.

And anyway, Premier League footballers are incredibly well paid ... but so are the top Hollywood actors and actresses.

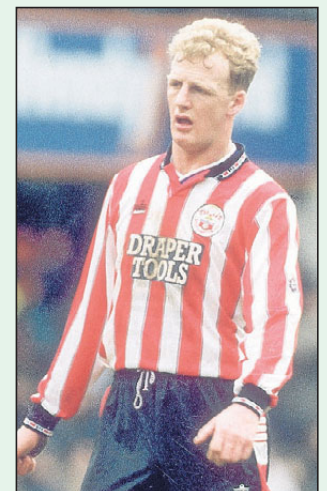
I don't read or hear calls for Tom Cruise or Meryl Streep to donate some of their gargantuan salaries to the local amateur dramatics society on the outskirts of Los Angeles.

The top film stars attract the best

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PETER SCUDAMORE



WINNER: Iain Dowie netted against Manchester City.

EASTLEIGH SPORTS AWARDS - SEE PAGES 30-33

Premiership Spotlight

Benefits of television bonanza

From page 11

salaries, because more people want to watch their films.

Simple market forces.

At least the Premier League's revenue distribution is fair, in that all the clubs get the same equal split.

I can't for one second imagine Stoke City are a huge draw to overseas TV audiences – they probably aren't a huge draw to English audiences outside of the Potteries.

But they still get the same equal cut as the Manchester giants, Chelsea, Arsenal and Liverpool.

The clubs that have more games shown live get a bigger slice of the facility fee cake.

That is fair.

Certainly, the Premier League arrangement is far better than the situation in Spain.

There all the clubs arrange their own separate TV deals.

IMBALANCE

Obviously, Real Madrid and Barcelona earn far, far bigger sums than any of their rivals – up to seven or eight times more than other La Liga clubs.

That creates the imbalance you see most seasons in Spain, with those two clubs battling it out for the title.

At least in England there are a few more clubs capable of sustaining a realistic championship challenge.

Regarding demands for clubs to cut ticket prices, that is a different matter entirely.

It would be a lovely gesture if some clubs actually took on board the suggestion and reduced their admission prices.

Even freezing the cost of tickets, while hardly a generous gesture given the millions swilling around in their coffers, would be a PR victory of sorts.

We wait with bated breath, of course.

The cynics will say 'not a chance' and they might turn out to be right.

Clubs continue to put their prices up most years, and still the vast majority of games are played out in front of near capacity or capacity crowds.

The teams struggling at the bottom might have empty seats, but that will always be the case unless prices are set at an incredibly low level.

THE remarkable £5.13 billion domestic television rights deal for Premier League games was announced this week.

The mind-boggling sums of money which will be swimming around the Premier League bank accounts from 2016/17 have been debated on the *Daily Echo* website dailyecho.co.uk this week.

Here are just a selection of the comments so far.

Log on now to join the debate.

Filling our current stadium (and hopefully an enlarged one in a couple of years) is essential to keep the atmosphere, which is what makes live football such an attraction – the very reason TV companies are willing to pay so much for it.

With the increased revenue, I believe that Saints and all Premiership clubs can afford to reduce the ticket prices by 10% and give 5% to grass roots football locally.

NC Fan4Life

I admit I am being deliberately controversial, but why should clubs reduce prices???

I mean, St Mary's is technically selling out every week with the current prices.

From an economics A-Level I learnt that supply and demand helps to set prices, so if the current prices aren't leading to thousands of empty seats why should clubs reduce prices?

Yes, people would love everything to be cheaper but the harsh reality of life is people have to PAY for things.

£20 would be ridiculously cheap.

This media campaign is annoying now.

With respect, why should away fans get preferential treatment?

If they don't want to pay the prices quoted then quite simply don't.

But there are more people willing to pay the current prices, hence why our away support levels are so good.

My final point is just to repeat that no one forces people to pay the prices, it is called free will.

I choose to spend my money on football both home and away and going to watch Eastleigh FC.

I am happy to pay the current prices as, if I wasn't, I just wouldn't go.

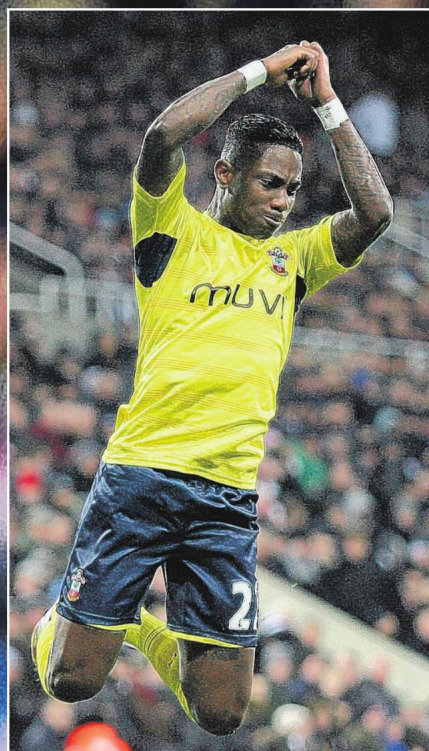
upwherewebelong

Time for Saints to break the mould – just like we have done with the academy and training school.

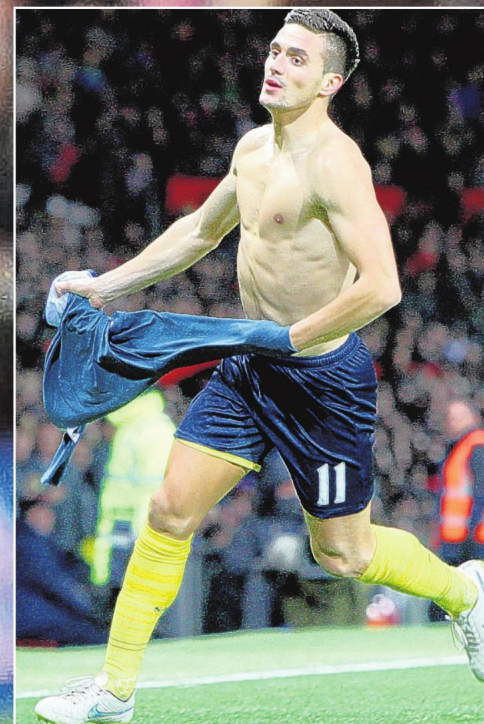
Tickets prices should be radically reduced. Maybe £20 for general users, £15 for concessions and £10 for kids.

Furthermore, the extra money

WHY SHOULD PRICES?



TV TIMES: Eljero Elia, above, starred in front of the cameras as Saints defeated Newcastle 2-0 last month while, inset right, Dusan Tadic celebrates his winner at Old Trafford.



from TV should be used to invest in expanding the stadium, to capacity of 42,000.

With these ticket prices we will still sell out most games. Soon we would be attracting new fans from all over the south of England.

Cheap tickets, attractive football, European football, trophies.

The 'cost' of the reduced ticket prices and expanded stadium would, in the long term, be far outweighed by a much larger fan base (local and international) and all the commercial opportunities that comes with it.

Churchill Saint

With a 70% increase in TV money clubs should easily be able to drop ticket prices by 10% and not be affected at all!

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Is it really that good news in the long run?

They can't put the football prices up by 70%, as not many could afford it, so there'll be across the board increases on all Sky subscriptions.

Even fewer Saturday afternoon games now there's Friday evening as well!

I got rid of Sky years ago with their little ways of making it hard

to cancel your subscriptions ... wouldn't touch them with a bargepole.

Derek James

A truly sickening amount of money when there is a cost of living crisis and people relying on food banks. This just to show overpaid prima donnas kicking a ball around a big lawn. It's shameful.

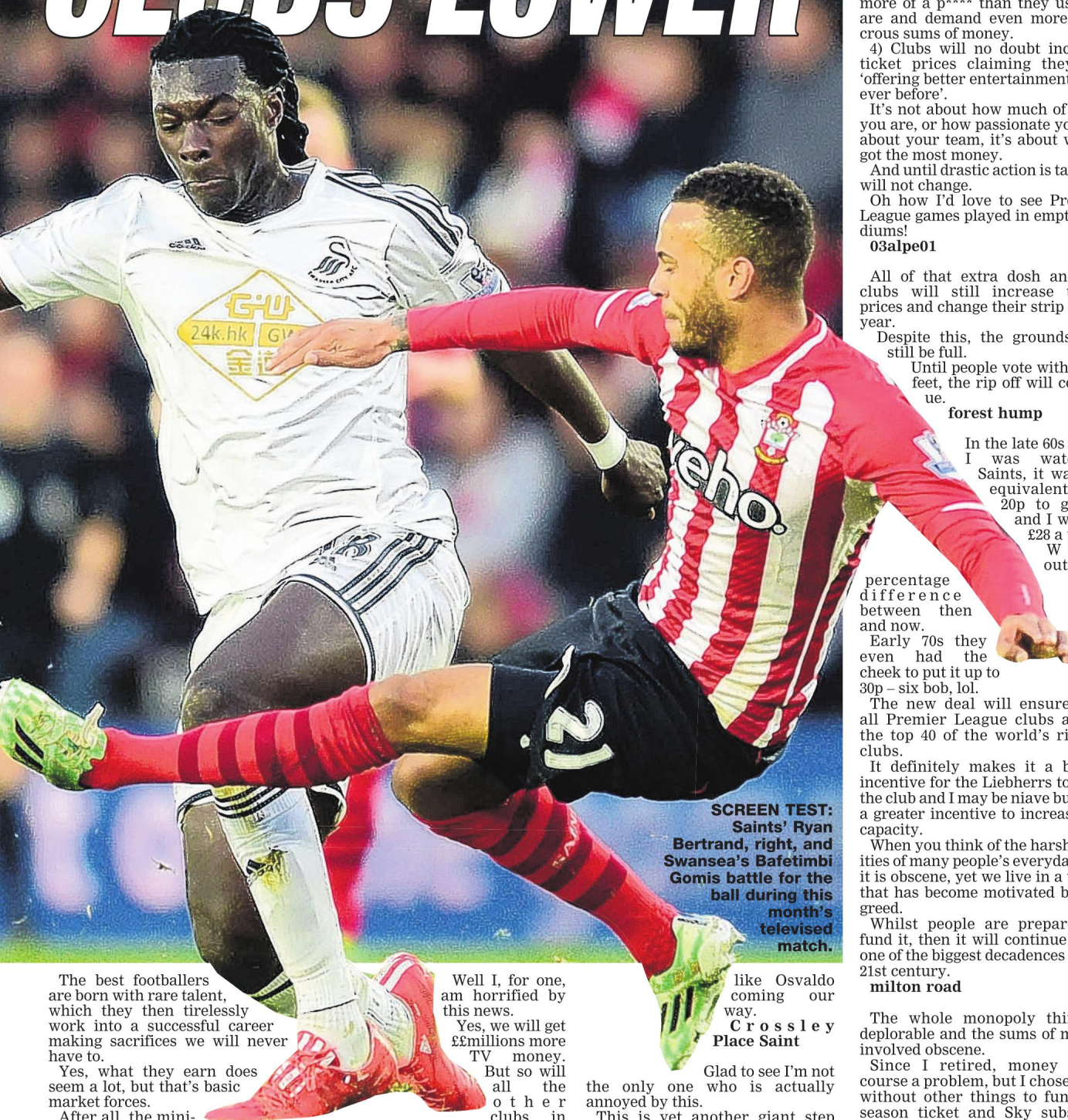
Whinger Cyclist

Nonsense. Life is about supply and demand – the rarer a resource, the more precious and valuable it is.

COLLEGES FOOTBALL - SEE PAGES 24-25

Premiership Spotlight

CLUBS LOWER



SCREEN TEST:
Saints' Ryan Bertrand, right, and Swansea's Bafetimbi Gomis battle for the ball during this month's televised match.

The best footballers are born with rare talent, which they then tirelessly work into a successful career making sacrifices we will never have to.

Yes, what they earn does seem a lot, but that's basic market forces.

After all, the minimum wage here is paid to people flipping burgers, yet that's 10-20 times as much as teachers earn in other countries.

In life, you earn what you're worth. End of.

Saint Clements

Well I, for one, am horrified by this news.

Yes, we will get ££millions more TV money.

But so will all the other clubs in the PL.

The outcome is just an arms race to sign players at ever higher wages.

The people who benefit are the players and their agents, certainly not the fans.

And there will be more people

like Osvaldo coming our way.

Crossley Place Saint

Glad to see I'm not the only one who is actually annoyed by this.

This is yet another giant step towards taking fans out of the game.

The ONLY people who will benefit in the slightest from this are:

1) Sky (who will no doubt up their already extortionate prices and claim they are 'providing the best entertainment'.

2) players will be on even more ludicrous wages than they are now.

3) agents will sit there being even more of a p**** than they usually are and demand even more ludicrous sums of money.

4) Clubs will no doubt increase ticket prices claiming they are 'offering better entertainment than ever before'.

It's not about how much of a fan you are, or how passionate you are about your team, it's about whose got the most money.

And until drastic action is taken it will not change.

Oh how I'd love to see Premier League games played in empty stadiums!

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All of that extra dosh and the clubs will still increase ticket prices and change their strip every year.

Despite this, the grounds will still be full.

Until people vote with their feet, the rip off will continue.

forest hump

In the late 60s when I was watching Saints, it was the equivalent of 20p to get in and I was on £28 a week. Work out the

percentage difference between then and now.

Early 70s they even had the cheek to put it up to 30p – six bob, lol.

The new deal will ensure that all Premier League clubs are in the top 40 of the world's richest clubs.

It definitely makes it a bigger incentive for the Liebherrs to keep the club and I may be naive but also a greater incentive to increase the capacity.

When you think of the harsh realities of many people's everyday life, it is obscene, yet we live in a world that has become motivated by self greed.

Whilst people are prepared to fund it, then it will continue to be one of the biggest decadences of the 21st century.

milton road

The whole monopoly thing is deplorable and the sums of money involved obscene.

Since I retired, money is of course a problem, but I chose to go without other things to fund my season ticket and Sky subscription because that is the best way for me to follow and support my team.

I am not sure how long I can keep it up, though.

Like many others, I suspect I will be priced out in due course.

OSPREYS SAINT

Fans' role must not be forgotten

THE fact that football as an industry is swimming in cash at the upper-echelons has long been well known.

Every-growing sums of cash at the pinnacle of the sport in England and Europe have defied the world economy that has had a few ups and downs, to the say the least.

Sky and BT are free to do what they want with their cash mountains – if they decide splurging a combined £5.1bn (which is roughly the same cost as an aircraft carrier, with a few fighter jets thrown in for good measure) then that is their right.

However, with the likes of Richard Scudamore pontificating that it the Premier League clubs do not have an obligation for things such as paying a living wage to all staff members, one key factor is being forgotten.

All the money that pours into the Premier League comes from the same place. Fans.

The people who subscribe to watch the Premier League on TV are the same people who buy the clubs' tickets, eat overpriced burgers at the matches, wear the team's colours and so on.

So while the amount of cash grows, the source of it all is being squeezed harder than ever.

At the moment, Richard Scudamore and his ilk feel bullet proof – as proven by the ridiculous idea of resurrecting the 39th game proposal – but if you don't make hay when the sun shines, you'll be looking pretty stupid should things go wrong.

And if you think that'll never, ever happen, you're an even bigger fool. Leeds, Portsmouth – even our very own Saints – are all proof that you're only ever so far from the precipice.

But the planning I'm talking about now is not necessarily a financial one – the clubs should be doing that any way, provided the financial departments aren't being run by a team of baboons bashing calculators. No, what they have an opportunity for now is the building up a stock of goodwill.

Unless you have your head in the clouds – which is always a risk in football – everyone knows recent times have not been all that easy for anyone without a trust fund or sizeable property portfolio.

But this £5bn deal – which let's not forget will be followed by foreign TV deals which will swell it to somewhere in the region of £8-9bn – gives the clubs plenty of room to make meaningful gestures to the communities they grew out of.

Now, it could be reduced ticket prices, cheaper merchandise, huge investment in local facilities, sharing more with the lower leagues or even just simply making sure no staff have to live below the breadline.

It's an easy PR win for not just the clubs but the Premier League as a whole and has the effect of suddenly making fans feel part of the club again rather than just consumers of a product.

To use Saints as an example, in 2012/13, TV revenue was roughly three times the amount made on matchdays. So for every £1 made from a ticket or pie, £3 was made from TV – the new TV deal will see that gap only widen.

No-one is saying this needs to impact the playing side of any club, but while times are good, rather than thinking about how much money you've made, think about how you can use it to make things better.

DAN KERINS

SAINTS v LIVERPOOL BUILD UP - DON'T MISS NEXT WEEK'S DAILY ECHO

Deeney strike settles seven goal thriller

TROY Deeney scored an injury-time winner for Watford after teenager Zach Clough's second goal of a thrilling Sky Bet Championship game appeared to rescue a point for Bolton at the Macron Stadium.

Substitute Deeney beat Andy Lonergan with a low shot to give the Hornets a 4-3 victory in a breath-taking contest.

Clough's second equaliser with five minutes left brought the sides level at 3-3 after Joel Ekstrand had put Watford back in control.

The Hornets had taken the lead through Odion Ighalo and although goals from Clough and Adam Le Fondre had turned the tide, the visitors went back in front thanks to strikes from Almen Abdi and Ekstrand before the late drama.

There was another thriller at Bloomfield Road, where David Ferguson's stoppage-time equaliser capped a pulsating second half which saw nine-man Blackpool earn a dramatic 4-4 draw against Nottingham Forest.

A win for the Seaside would have moved them off the foot of the table, and they were on course for just their fifth of the season when Gary Madine put them ahead.

Andrea Orlandi added a second but Forest scored twice in two minutes through Dexter Blackstock and Gary Gardner to draw level.

Steve Davies restored the home side's lead before Forest midfielder Henri Lansbury tucked home a spot-kick – the concession of which saw Tom Aldred red-carded.

Darren O'Dea was then stretched off to leave Blackpool two men light and Chris Burke



thought he had won it for the visitors with a goal five minutes

into added time. But Ferguson headed home to salvage a stunning point for the hosts.

Daryl Murphy (above) scored twice to bring Ipswich to within two points of the automatic promotion places as they secured a deserved 2-1 win over Fulham, who netted through Ross McCormack.

Norwich's promotion challenge continued to gather pace as they downed Wolves 2-0 at Carrow Road to make it three straight league wins, Bradley Johnson and Lewis Grabban the goalscorers.

Alex Mowatt scored the only goal of the game as Leeds beat Millwall 1-0 to move into the top half.

Guy Luzon celebrated his first victory as Charlton boss as his side beat play-off chasing Brentford 3-0 thanks to goals from Johann Gudmundsson, Igor Vetokele and Frederic Bulot.

Sheffield Wednesday and Brighton drew 0-0 at Hillsborough.

BATTLE FOR PROMOTION - CHERRIES BACK ON TOP

Bumper TV deal won't affect Howe

CHERRIES boss Eddie Howe says his approach to management will not be affected by the Premier League's bumper TV deal.

Sky and BT Sport have paid a record £5.136billion for three seasons of live broadcast rights from 2016-17.

Cherries currently hold the second automatic promotion spot in the Championship with 16 games to play.

While Howe admitted that the deal would provide "an even bigger carrot for a lot of clubs", he said his motivations would remain football-driven.

Howe said "We're obviously aware of it. I don't think it changes anything from my perspective."

"We're trying to win games the best way we can and there's a big carrot at the end of it for the club."

"If you suddenly change the way you are doing things, you weren't doing the right things in the first place."

"Although it's an even bigger carrot for a lot of clubs in a similar position to ourselves, and everyone wants to get there, we will continue to go about our business as we have done, while recognising that."

"It's not so much for myself as I'm doing it

for football reasons and to achieve something on a football level."

"I don't think about doing it for financial reasons."

"Other people may who have different interests in terms of the football club and I understand that."

"But from my perspective it's the football that I'm looking at and that doesn't change whether it's £1 at the end of it or £10million."



EDDIE HOWE

CHERRIES RUE SAVES AS POINTS DROPPED

BOURNEMOUTH climbed back to the top of the Sky Bet Championship table after a 1-1 draw at home to Huddersfield but were left rueing a masterclass from Huddersfield goalkeeper Alex Smithies.

Former Everton striker James Vaughan struck midway through the second half to cancel out Yann Kermorgant's 11th goal of the season.

However it was man-of-the-match Smithies and his hat-trick of world class saves that prevented the hosts from claiming all three points.

Bournemouth had lost only one of their previous 11 home games and had Huddersfield on the back foot from the first whistle.

Centre back Steve Cook could have put the Cherries in front after only three minutes when he nodded wide from an in-swinging Matt Ritchie free kick.

Another Ritchie cross teed up Kermorgant moments later but the Frenchman could not keep his head-er down.

Ritchie was at the centre of all Bournemouth's early attacks and it took a superb stop from Smithies to beat away the winger's long-range effort on 13 minutes.

Bournemouth's opening goal three minutes later came from a move straight off the training ground.

Ritchie played in corner from the right and Harry Arter's clever step-over opened up the space for Kermorgant to rifle past the stranded Smithies from the edge of the penalty area.

The strike maintained Bournemouth's record of scoring the first goal in all 16 of their league games at the Goldsands Stadium this season.

Huddersfield created few goal scoring opportunities in a one-sided first



RIFLED IN: Yann Kermorgant scores his team's goal during the Sky Bet Championship match against Huddersfield at the Goldsands Stadium this afternoon.

half but midfielder Tommy Smith forced an acrobatic save from home goalkeeper Artur Boruc with a 20-yard curler.

On 25 minutes Arter ruffled Smithies' side-netting with a low shot after a powerful run and Callum Wilson could only fire wide after the Terriers' stopper had spilt Ritchie's shot.

With Middlesbrough and Derby both in FA Cup action, Bournemouth knew a draw would be enough to

regain their place at the summit.

Huddersfield levelled against the run of the play in the 65th minute.

Jack Robinson's hopeful shot from the edge of the box was going wide until Vaughan applied a crucial touch, wrong-footing Southampton loanee Boruc.

The goal woke Bournemouth from their post half-time slumber and Smithies saved smartly with his legs to prevent Kermorgant restoring the Cherries' lead.

Left-back Charlie Daniels also saw his deflected attempt shave a post after combining neatly with the busy Arter.

Arter thought he had put Bournemouth back in front with a thunderous long range drive at the end of a fine passing move only for Smithies to once again turn the ball behind for a corner.

Vaughan came to the visitors' rescue from the resulting set piece, clearing a Wilson header off the line.

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BATTLE FOR PROMOTION TO THE PREMIER – REMAINING GAMES

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24 BoltonH
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March

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Howe worried by job losses

EDDIE Howe admits he finds his lofty perch in English football's longest-serving managers list "worrying".

Aston Villa's dismissal of Paul Lambert on Wednesday meant that only 15 managers had held their current roles longer than Howe.

The Cherries boss, pictured right, who returned to Dean Court in October 2012, revealed mixed feelings over the statistic. Discussing his rise to 16th in the list, Howe said: "That's worrying."

"It means that people are losing their jobs very quickly and it's a trend that seems to be getting worse rather than better."

"From a supporter perspective I think it's always quite enjoyable to see changes and new people coming in. But when you are in the profession it can be a little bit worrying when you look at what's happening elsewhere."

"I don't mind rising the list because the objective for us is to be successful and to stay in work in the enjoyable environment that we're in."

"You've got the guys at the top of the list who have done exceptional jobs for a long period of time, which does prove that it can be done if you're given the right conditions."

"The likes of Arsene Wenger have shown that if you are backed to do the job, you can survive a long spell."

"From my perspective in this job, we have got a very good owner and solidity behind the scenes and that gives you the chance to do the job properly."



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TORQUAY FIGHT BACK TO STUN SPITFIRES

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NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

EASTLEIGH'S previously rock solid home record took another jolt today as they lost their third game at the Silverlake Stadium since the turn of the year.

The Spitfires led FA Trophy semi-finalists Torquay United through new signing Deon Burton only for two defensive slips to hand the Devonshire visitors their first win in eight Vanarama Conference games.

As promised Richard Hill shuffled his Eastleigh pack, bringing in Dean Beckwith, Brian Howard and Craig Stanley and handing a first start to former Jamaican International striker Burton.

Torquay, badly needing a win in the League, threatened first with a seventh minute Ryan Bowman shot on the turn, which wasn't too far wide of Ross Flitney's left-hand post.

Good work by Michael Green followed down Eastleigh's left but United defender Ollivier Gueguen was alert to the danger, nicking the ball clear before Burton could pounce.

Although Eastleigh were enjoying more of the possession at that stage, Torquay created another decent chance on 15 minutes when Spitfires defender Joe Partington – sporting a bandaged head after having five stitches in an eyebrow – was too easily beaten by Bowman down Eastleigh's right.

Flitney repelled the striker's shot and it needed a timely block by Beckwith to deal with Toby Ajala's follow-up.

But after a promising start to the game, the visitors were floored by a sucker punch as Eastleigh took the lead in the 17th minute.

The Spitfires' breakthrough was far too easy from a Torquay perspective, with Partington given time and space to get his head to Jai Reason's deep free-kick beyond the back post.

The visitors seemed slow to react as the ball looped towards the far upright, where Burton was on hand to bury his first goal in Spitfires colours.

With confidence flowing through the Eastleigh ranks, Howard tested Martin Rice with a curling shot



ON TARGET: Deon Burton is congratulated after scoring in his first goal for Eastleigh.

which the keeper saved at the foot of the right-hand post.

That was reasonably comfortable for the United stopper, but that was far from the case in the 23rd minute when, following a half-cleared Eastleigh corner, he somehow managed to prevent Craig Stanley's booming header from edging over the line.

Torquay lost midfielder Jordan Chappell to injury just before the half-hour, bringing on Courtney Cameron.

Within seconds of his arrival the Spitfires were awarded another free-kick and, once again, there were panic stations in the visiting defence after Partington had again got his head to Reason's delivery.

Rice pulled off another good save on 40-minutes, diverting Harry Pell's goal-bound strike away after great hold-up play by Howard, but the linesman's flag had gone up in

any case. Despite the Spitfires' growing dominance, Torquay were by no means out of it and it took a great tackle by Green to get the ball behind for a corner as dangerman Ajala threatened to do damage from the right by-line.

Sub Cameron then fired wide from 25-yards before, with the interval beckoning, Ajala sent Bowman away through the right channel.

Flitney came out to narrow the angle and Bowman's shot hit the outside of the post and deflected behind for a corner.

As the flag kick came across Courtney Richards headed the ball goalwards and Gueguen turned and fired it over the line to make it 1-1 at half-time.

Hill added width for the second-half bringing on Dan Walker in place of Reason.

But it was Torquay who threat-

ened to make the early breakthrough when Ajala beat Green on the right and sent a low ball into the six-yard box.

Flitney got a hand to it and it needed quick thinking by Beckwith to prevent Louis Briscoe knocked it in.

As an amazingly open game switched down the other end, Green crossed and with Howard and Burton both well positioned, they exchanged passes, seemingly reluctant to shoot before Burton blazed the ball over.

That was to be the former Pompey striker's last significant contribution before he made way for James Constable just after the hour.

Eastleigh were gradually regaining the measure of control but the game could have gone either way.

Torquay had a hint of a chance on 72 minutes when Briscoe set-up skipper Luke Young whose attempted chip cleared both Flitney and the bar.

Briscoe, a tank of a striker, felt hard done by from United's next attack as he bulldozed past Partington on the right only for the referee to pull it back for a foul.

But Torquay were smiling again on 76 minutes as they forged ahead 2-1.

The pacey Ajala was again in the thick of things, picking out Cameron, whose curling shot rebounded off the woodwork and fell for Bowman to slot home.

Ajala, who was giving left-back Green nightmares, then delivered dangerously into the box again but Beckwith got his side out of jail once more, getting to the ball just ahead of Briscoe, who stumbled over the defender's out-stretched leg.

Eastleigh dug deep into their reserve of character and threatened for the first time in a while on 84 minutes, when Walker crossed deep from the right and fellow sub Jack Midson headed back across goal.

The ball came down to Constable, but it appeared to take a slight ricochet as he went to shoot and the chance was gone.

Walker then popped up on the left and sent in another cross, which Midson headed behind, and then, as the Spitfires piled on the pressure, they had a penalty appeal turned down for a shove on Midson. Pell had the Spitfires' last chance of note, thumping a rising shot over after Constable had laid the ball into his path

Rare home defeat for AFC Totton

AFC Totton slumped to their first Southern League Division One South & West loss at the Testwood Stadium since early November with a 2-0 defeat to Shortwood United.

It had been six games since the Stags lost 1-0 to Wimborne Town, but they came undone to two goals against the run of play on an afternoon where they couldn't get any kind of rhythm.

Marley Thomas and towering striker Lewis Sommers were on target in the first half for the away team in this eighth v ninth encounter, which could prove important in the chase for play-off spots.

Totton's best chance fell to them in the dying seconds as Billy Lowes's powerful strike from 12 yards was blocked on the line by Nick Hancock.

Manager Steve Riley made two changes with new signing Jack Hoey coming in at No. 10 for his debut for Mike Gosney – out due to injury (back spasms) – and Nathan Hurst starting in place of Nathaniel



ACTION: Zac Moulard on the ball for Totton against Shortwood.

Sherborne up front.

After a bright start that saw Hoey drag just wide after some good build-up play, the home-side were undone by one glorious ball and then one sublime touch on 13 minutes.

Wood's Josh Egan bypassed the entire Totton defence with an excellent ball over the top from just past halfway.

And Thomas – whose pace haunted the New Forest team all afternoon – slotted home, after he'd met said pass with a touch that left keeper Steve Mowthorpe stranded in the box and the goal open.

The visitors struck again just before half-time. As the influential Liam Gilbert laid strewn on the floor, writhing in pain after a hard challenge during a Stags attack, beastly forward Sommers robbed full-back Jamie Blackburn of the ball and ran through to slot home 2-0.

The Gloucestershire outfit nearly took a 3-0 lead as Egan fizzed an 18-yard free-kick just wide of the right post on 65 minutes before Jake Rawkins, on as a sub, briefly roused the home crowd with an exciting run and cross down the left.

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'Dead wood' behind exit of Henley

DEPARTED Wimborne Town chairperson Paula Henley said "dead wood" on Wimborne Town's board had been the catalyst behind her sudden exit from the Southern One South & West club.

No sooner had Henley enthused about plans for the Magpies to move to a new home than her 160-day tenure at Cuthbury came to an abrupt end.

In an exclusive interview with The Pink's sister paper The (Bournemouth) Daily Echo, Henley spoke of the "counter-productive" influence of two unnamed club directors.

"Their views on how to move things forward did not match mine," she said.

"It was difficult because certain characters have been involved for a long time and the last thing I wanted to do was damage the club.

"It is a traditional, family environment and I didn't want to ride roughshod over anybody.

"I had a clear vision when I



PAULA HENLEY

started, but the dead wood that should not have been there became too much of a hindrance.

"My position became untenable because I knew I could not push things forward in the way I wanted to.

"It was also made quite clear that it would not have been right to change anything. I felt I could not work on that basis.

"The club has a lot of potential, but it needs a change of leadership, a whole board of people who can push it forward commercially and mean it. Too many people are just waiting for things to happen."

Henley added: "There were also legacies from the club's past in the background that caused me some concern in terms of moving things forward.

"I have made some nice friends at Wimborne and would not want to make myself unwelcome, but certain things needed to be said."

Director Ken Fergus politely declined to directly address Henley's claims, but said: "I have a lot of time for Paula.

"She has done quite a bit for this club.

"She is entitled to her opinions and I wish her all the best for the future."

GILLESPIE MAKES HIS JURASSIC MARK...

RICHARD Gillespie took out his frustrations on Weymouth last Saturday as Poole Town sounded out their title intentions with a thumping 4-0 victory over their Dorset neighbours at Tatnam.

The clash of the Southern Premier titans had been billed as "El Jurassico" and was played in front of a suitably large 1,249 crowd, writes WENDY GEE.

After a goalless first half, Poole drew first blood when Steve Devlin crashed in a 62nd-minute penalty after debutant Ben Close, signed on loan from Portsmouth, had been brought down by Ashley Wells.

With the floodgates creaking open, substitute Gillespie entered the fray and, with his first touch, nudged home Poole's second before Luke Burbidge blasted a third past Terras' player-manager Jason Matthews four minutes from time.

Then, in the dying seconds, ex-Bashley, Eastleigh and AFC Totton man Gillespie bagged his second of the game to condemn the visitors to a morale-sapping defeat.

Killick, who had made Gillespie wait until the 75th minute for a piece of the action, admitted afterwards that the striker - christened "Mr Goals" during his Bashley days - had been "miffed" about not getting on earlier.

"Apparently he was a bit annoyed with me because I was going to bring him on earlier, but we scored so I decided to bring Keith Emmerson on instead," the boss explained.

"I'm told he was a bit miffed by that, so he obviously decided to get his message across!"

Gillespie has struggled with hamstring problems since rejoining the Dolphins in November following his return from a work placement in Australia, but Killick is hopeful he can steer clear of injury for the

foreseeable future.

"It has been difficult for him because he

missed all of pre-season and a big chunk of the start of the season," said the boss.

"He was not fit when he came back to us and we probably rushed him into things a little bit and his injuries kept setting him back.

"We are really hoping those problems are behind him and that he's getting close to being fully fit.

"To have him in the squad and sitting next to me on the bench is quite comforting.

"Gilly's no ordinary sub, he is one of the best goal scorers in the area.

"He is one of those players that naturally scores goals and to have him, Luke Roberts and Joe Quigley available suddenly puts us in a very good position. We are quite blessed in that department."

Admitting the 4-0 result "sent out a big statement" to the league, Killick said: "I thought the game would be decided by one goal.

"For it to be that comprehensive gives us so much confidence - and it has to demoralise our nearest rivals. You hope the defeat will damage them and help us."

Disappointed Weymouth boss Matthews reflected: "It looks like we have taken a stuffing and, for me, that is tough to take. I felt the first half was very even and the game could have gone either way.

"Poole played well, especially Steve Devlin, who is someone I rate, but we need to pick ourselves up and go again."

Devlin scored twice on Tuesday as a youth-infused Poole side progressed to the semi-finals of the Red Insure Cup with a 2-0 win over Truro City. The Dolphins join Corby Town, Egham Town and North Leigh in the last four.



BRACE: For Poole Town striker Richard Gillespie.

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Non-league Football

McEnergy joins league leaders

MIKE McEnergy spent two seasons as a Sydenhams Premier Division runner-up with Alreford Town.

Now he has the chance to go one better after linking up with Wessex leaders Petersfield Town.

The former Havant & Waterlooville and Newport IOW wideman (right) has been snapped up by Love Lane boss Ian Saunders following his recent parting of the ways with Winchester City.

McEnergy is one of two new faces to join the Petersfield ranks this week.

Saunders has also clinched the dual registration of goalscoring midfielder Blu Boam from Hampshire Premier League outfit Baffins Milton Rovers.

Boam boasts a wealth of Wessex top-flight experience with the likes of Horndean, AFC Portchester and Bemerton.



HAT-TRICK HERO BRINGS MORE THAN JUST GOALS

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JAMES Davis may have a way to go to catch Warren Bentley and Steve Hutchings at the top of the Sydenhams Premier scoring charts, but he brings more than just goals to Lymington Town.

Davis weighed in with a hat-trick as Town cut title-chasing Moneyfields down to size 5-1 at Southampton Road last Saturday, taking his season's tally to 14.

But, as manager John Pyatt explained, the 25-year-old former Winchester City, Farnborough and Alresford all-rounder has not always been deployed in a frontline role.

"James joined us originally as a left-back before I came back to the club," he said.

"He gradually progressed up the pitch and they played him up front last year and he got some goals (17).

"This year he's played left-back and left midfield for me and now he's back up top and every time the ball comes near him, he ignites. He's coming on in leaps and bounds.

"He's good as a striker but, to be fair to James, he's someone who can play anywhere on the pitch.

"He's a natural footballer and a real good lad."

While the scale of high-riding Moneyfields' defeat came as a surprise to many, Pyatt wasn't one of them.

After watching Davis sandwich his hat-trick between Jordan Rose's opener and Darren Ritchie's 25-yard screamer, the boss said: "When we get it all together, we ain't a bad side and I was confident



HAT-TRICK HERO: James Davis scores for Lymington

we would get something.

"We've been chopping and changing a bit, trying to get the right blend, and this was a great team performance.

"We'd been playing (former Stockport County defender) Jordan Rose up top and he said he needed a goal, but I told him he's a defender and I wanted him at the back.

"He came up for a corner we'd been working on and turned the ball in at the near post. I said: 'See, I told you you're a defender!'"

A fine debut from adventurous right-back Oakley Hanger, new in from Dorchester Town, was another big plus for Lymington.

With Brad Strickland allotted a central midfield role, Sam Roberts was switched out wide and provided natural cover whenever Hanger got the urge to push forward.

"Oakley's a great addition," said Pyatt. "He loves to get forward and we put Sam out wide, who's a bit more defensively minded, which allowed Oakley to bomb on. Having the pair of them out there left Moneys in a bit of a quandary about who they were marking. Brad Strickland is another lad who's played in a number of positions for us, but he tends to switch off when he's not involved. Playing in central midfield keeps him focused."

Only a matter of weeks ago, Hanger was being sized up for a move to Southern One South & West outfit Sholing but that stalled when Graham Kemp stepped down as Dorchester boss.

"Signing for us is convenient for Oakley," said Pyatt. "He's at university in Southampton, but he's got some friends at Lymington and some of the younger lads who've played for us, like Jack Odam, speak highly of him.

"He's come to us on recommendation and settled in really well."

While Hanger was busy creating havoc on the right, Lerone 'Rudi' Plummer was a handful on the other side of the park.

Plummer has led a nomadic existence with Brockenhurst, Winchester City, Fareham and Whitchurch over the past couple of seasons.

Pyatt, who had never met him before he turned up for training one night, said: "I need to get to know him. He's got loads of ability and his pace is a threat to anyone. I need to work on him."

Moneys boss Miles Rutherford, whose side replied with a Steve Hutchings penalty, was the first to admit the Portsmouth visitors were second best.

"Lymington outplayed and outbattled us and we were inferior all over the pitch," he confessed.

"There are no excuses, it was a really bad day."

Moneys had another bad time of it on Tuesday, beaten 2-1 at home by Graham Rix's AFC Portchester.

Jamie Musselwhite scored both goals for Portchester, who extended their unbeaten run to nine matches.

Sub Bobby Scott replied for Moneys, who ended the game with ten men after Tyler Giddings had been red-carded for a professional foul on Joe Noakes.

Borough go Cherry picking...

GOSPORT Borough have signed defender Matt Butcher on a month's work experience loan from SkyBet Championship high-fliers AFC Bournemouth.

Butcher boasts a fine Dean Court pedigree having been selected as the first ever Cherries' young-player-of-the-year last May.

The versatile player, who was also handed the youth team skipper's armband, proved himself a star pupil on and off the pitch having been commended for his positive attitude towards his education programme.

Butcher - described by Gosport boss Alex Pike as "6ft 3in and an absolute man mountain" made his



MATT BUTCHER

Borough debut in their 2-1 Conference South defeat at Hemel Hempstead last Saturday and played an unwanted part in the Tudors' opening goal.

It was he who brought down James Potton, allowing Jordan Parkes to fire Hemel ahead from the spot with 55 minutes gone.

Ex-Saint Andy Robinson, Gosport's recent signing from Dorchester, quickly responded with a crisp 20-yarder - his first goal for the club - but poor defending gifted Oliver Hawkins a free header to win it for the Tudors.

Borough sub Lee Wort hit a potential late equaliser against the post - the second time Gosport had been denied by the woodwork following Tom Dunford's unlucky first-half effort.

That summed up a tale of missed chances for the visitors with Pike later admitting: "I don't know how that game finished in a 2-1 defeat. We created enough chances to win two games."

● **FORMER** Gosport Borough boss John Robson came back to haunt his old club in the Russell Cotes Cup on Tuesday night.

Gosport appeared to be heading for the semi-finals when ex-Saints youngster Matt Benham plunged Robson's Blackfield & Langley into 22nd-minute arrears against their Conference South hosts.

But the Watersiders had other ideas - Dan Munday punishing a lapse in concentration from Borough defender Sam Pearce before Dan Cann's brilliant strike clinched the Sydenhams Premier underdogs a memorable 2-1 victory.

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Non-league Football

'Teams raise their games against us'

JASON Bristow says Basingstoke Town will have to deal with opposition teams raising their performance levels against them as they battle for Vanarama Conference Southern promotion.

On paper, the north Hampshire club have what would appear to be a good run-in with most of their remaining games against teams in the bottom half of the table. They also have games in hand over some of the sides around them.

It's a great position to be in but, rather like reigning Conference South champions Eastleigh found last season, Basingstoke are discovering that sides further down the table need little by way of motivation when they come up against them.

"We have put ourselves in a good position and are finding that teams raise their game against us," said Bristow.



JASON BRISTOW

"Teams know they will have to be at their best to compete against us, which means managers do not have to say a lot in the changing room before a game."

Maidenhead were a case in point last Saturday, making Town work every inch of the way for a 3-2 win at the Soccer AM Stadium where Manny Williams, Shaun McAuley and Louis Soares were on target for the home side.

But for the intervention of the woodwork and an outstanding display by Stoke keeper Stuart Moore, it would have been a different story, however.

Bristow said: "I have seen Maidenhead play a few times and their performance on Saturday was the best I have seen from them."

Town, away to St Albans City today (Saturday), are due to face Maidenhead again at York Road on Tuesday and Bristow warned: "They have gone away last week feeling they should have got more from the game, so I think they will approach Tuesday in exactly the same way."

Bayston signs

FORMER Poole Town player Paul Bayston has signed for Sydenhams One outfit New Milton Town.

Bayston came up through the ranks at Tatnam and progressed to the Dolphins' first team.

He is joined at Fawcett's Field by the returning Matt Head, who lists Christchurch and Hamworthy United among his former clubs.

ARNOLD HAUNTED BY PAST SUCCESS

CHRISTCHURCH manager Adie Arnold admits he is haunted by the ghost of old friend Graham Kemp's successful era at the club.

Arnold has suffered a tumultuous first season in the Priory hot seat with his side embroiled in a battle to preserve Sydenhams Wessex League Premier Division status, writes ANDY MITCHELL.

Just two points clear of the drop zone and with the worst defensive record in the division, Arnold is acutely aware of the increasingly audible murmurings of discontent at Hurn Bridge.

Kemp's departure from Dorchester last month further fanned the flames with chairman Mark Duffy addressing mounting speculation over his manager's future in last Wednesday's programme notes.

Duffy acknowledged that "plenty of supporters and possibly committee members" would welcome Kemp's return but "categorically" stated there had been "no official contact with Graham on this matter" and that the club had "no intention of pursuing an alternative to the current management team".

The Priory chief added that relegation was "not an option from a committee point of view".

Arnold, however, has vowed to fight on despite the spectre of past glories acting as "a monkey on your back" and reaffirmed his belief that Christchurch will stay up.

"This is a long-term job and all I can hope is that people within the club understand that," said Arnold.

"Christchurch has always been a mid-table side. They had three good

seasons under Graham (Kemp) and he did superbly well.

"I saw the under-18s Graham inherited and he would be the first to admit that gave him a really good start.

"Adam Costello, Sam Griffin, Jason Collins and Russell Cook have gone on to set a good standard at this level or

above. He still had a lot of work to do but, quite rightly, had the time to do it.

"There are a few people who harp on about those three good seasons and forget the time it takes to lay the foundations. Within the club it can be like a monkey on your back.

"Michael Cuffie was here last season and, to be fair, I can see a lot of the problems he had now. He is not everybody's cup of tea but nor am I, some people like you and some people don't.



ADIE ARNOLD

"What are they going to do? Have a third manager in three years?"

"At the start of the season we were shocking. I was there to be shot at because we were not good enough but we have made real progress over the past two months."

Arnold continued: "The whole club needs a rebuild and I am confident I can do it. I did it at my last club but not within the space of a few months. It takes time."

"We are building close links with Poole Town and Dorchester because that is the way Christchurch needs to go now."

"As a non-paying club we are realistically looking at eight or nine regular players and probably four or five developing players that you get through good contacts. Again, that takes time."

On the relegation dogfight, Arnold said: "There is something to work with now and if we show the same commitment we have in our past two matches then we will stay up, simple as that."

"We have 11 games to put it right - win five and we will be safe."

"If we had this group of players at the start of the season we would be mid-table now. We have proved that over the past couple of games."

"It is going to be touch and go but if we survive we can build again with a proper pre-season. If we are given time we will get it right but that is out of my hands."

"Next season we might not set the world on fire but we have to look towards mid-table, maybe top half."

"I think we have the right people in me, Danny (Saxby, assistant manager), Andy Darnton (first-team coach) and Dan Fawcett (goalkeeper coach) to do that."

Petersfield title win idea 'refreshing'

FOLLAND Sports assistant manager Dave Lewis says there would be "something refreshing" about Petersfield Town lifting the Sydenhams Premier title.

The table-topping Rams, promoted as Division One champions just nine months ago, took another giant stride towards the top-flight crown last Saturday with a dominant 4-2 win over the Planemakers at Follands Park.

And much as Lewis should be championing the cause of the Southampton area clubs, he can't help but admire how well Petersfield and their closest title rivals Moneyfields are doing with

young players and comparatively modest budgets.

Lewis said: "Petersfield had four 18-year-olds playing against us, which speaks volumes for them."

"For me, there's just something about them and Moneyfields."

"Everything about Petersfield suggests they shouldn't be doing what they're doing and yet they're top of the league and they're there on merit."

"What I like about them - and Moneyfields - is that they don't have a high influx of players with people going in and out all the time. They put their name to a group of players and they

stick with them."

"(Petersfield boss) Ian Saunders is a good manager and I used to play with their coach Jason Mann at Newport loW and he's another good lad."

"They're doing a great job with the training they put on there and they've got a settled group of players they believe in as opposed to just trying to sign the best player and the next best player all the time."

"Clubs with big budgets tend to have a high turnover of players, whereas Petersfield prefer stability."

"There's no right or wrong, just two contrasting outlooks."

"If I was at a club with money I'm not saying I wouldn't go for the better names, but there's something refreshing about seeing a side like Petersfield bringing players through and helping them earn their names in football."

"When a club with money wins things, that's what they should be doing. But when a club like Petersfield - or Aylesford over the past couple of seasons - are going great guns, it's refreshing to see."

Follands' interest in the Russell Cotes Cup was ended 3-0 at Southern League neighbours Sholing on Tuesday.

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Non-league Football



Millers pull off one of season's shocks



JO TESSEM

TOTTEN & Eling pulled off one of the shocks of the season when they burst Winchester City's title bubble 1-0 at Millers Park 11 days ago.

It was their first victory of the Sydenhams Premier season and, but for the intervention of the woodwork, co-boss/chairman Andy Tipp is convinced they could have been celebrating another three-point haul against Brockenhurst last weekend.

Ex-Saint Jo Tessem was the unluckiest man on the pitch as bottom-of-the-table T&E had to settle for a 1-1 draw against a Badgers side still unbeaten in 2015.

Three times the 42-year-old ex-Saint had scoring chances, but three times the frame of the goal denied him.

"Jo could have had a perfect hat-trick, but he hit the bar, the post and all sorts," said Tipp.

"Chris Marwood opened the scoring and, had we gone 2-0 up, that

would probably have put a different slant on it. But once Brockenhurst had equalised through Jamie Betteridge, it always looked like ending in a draw – apart from when Jo hit the post again!"

Experienced marksman Marwood has only played twice for the Millers this season, but each time he has made his mark.

"He played against Follands as well and scored twice," said Tipp.

"Chris is a quality player and we'd love him to play every week, but he can't. He's got a baby and he's busy as a PE teacher at Kings' School.

"It's for those sort of reasons that we can't keep a consistent side."

Totton & Eling's revival may well have come too late to keep them in the Sydenhams top flight, but Winchester manager Paul Masters believes the team they've got now is capable of giving anyone a game.

"We didn't play too badly against

them, we just didn't score," he said.

"But they frustrated us and worked hard and, in trying to win the game in the last five minutes, we've been caught on the break.

"If I'm honest, we were a bit unlucky to lose, but Totton & Eling looked a good, well-organised side."

Brockenhurst boss Pat McManus was also impressed by the Millers and admitted the off-colour Badgers were lucky to escape with a point.

"We were abject, but Totton & Eling worked ever so hard," he said.

"They certainly deserved a point, if not more.

"Apart from the last 10 minutes, we spent most of the game giving the ball back to them.

"But take nothing away from Totton & Eling, they worked hard and we could have had no complaints if we'd come away with nothing."

Salisbury hit by lock-out

SALISBURY'S reinvigorated football club is facing the prospect of missing out on another season after being locked out of the Raymond McEnhill Stadium, writes **JOEL HOLT**.

The hope that Salisbury FC could begin a fresh campaign when the fixtures kick-off in August seems unlikely while the club remain homeless.

The consortium which bought the old club's assets, Salisbury City FC, in December is led by former professional and TV pundit Steve Claridge, chairman David Phillips (pictured), Jeremy Harwood, Graeme Mundy and advisor Ian Ridley.

They have been told there is no automatic return for them to the ground and that no decision will be made until the spring.

This could be too late for the new Whites, because their failure to strike a deal with the trustees will prevent the FA from accepting their application to join the football pyramid – possibly in the Sydenhams Wessex League. The consortium says they will have to re-think their options if they are denied a return to their fortress Ray Mac.

"This is all a bit of a kick in the teeth," said Phillips, whose attempts to set up meetings with the trustees fell through. "We are trying to bring football back to the city and had hoped that the trustees would look favourably on us to get the club going again but instead they have dashed our hopes."

"The solicitors say they are working for the benefit of the trustees and exploring all options following the demise of the Salisbury City club but not to allow us to play at the Ray Mac, even for the short term, makes no sense to us."

If a new lease is granted, the group has been informed that it would be based on a market rent rather than the terms of the lease issued to the defunct club.

And in the midst of parties' emails, Phillips was told that a lease would be granted because planning permission on the site is for football use and to change that would require consent from Wiltshire Council.

He added: "We cannot believe the trustees would betray the legacy of Raymond McEnhill, who donated the site for football in Salisbury."

Surely they are not trying to find ways around not providing a new stadium? I met Mr McEnhill and I know he wanted a good standard of football for the people of Salisbury and in good quality facilities."

"They have even told us that we cannot go in to the stadium, which is strange seeing as we paid the administrator a reasonable sum for all the club's assets inside the ground, which include floodlights, two stands and an electronic scoreboard."

When Wilsons Law, which is acting on behalf of the trustees, was approached by the Pink's sister paper The Salisbury Journal, a spokesman said: "The trustees are legally bound to act in the best interests of the beneficiaries. They have no option in this respect."

"Trustees are awaiting professional advice and have been told that this could take some time. It is entirely possible that the trustees may decide not to grant a lease of the stadium."



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EXASPERATED Sholing chief boss Dave Diaper says he has had "had a gutful" of fighting to get the club the ground they deserve.

Since joining the Boatmen as manager in 2000/01, Diaper has worked tirelessly to drive the Portsmouth Road outfit forward on and off the park.

But while his efforts have been richly rewarded with a climb into the Southern League, punctuated by last season's spectacular Sydenhams Wessex/FA Vase double, ground issues remain a huge source of frustration.

Having finally secured funding towards a near £1.1 million upgrade of the VT Sports Ground, Sholing have hit yet another stumbling block. The money is subject to 20 per cent VAT which, they argue, should not be applicable to a non-profit making, community project.

But the longer the fight goes on to secure a VAT Exemption Certificate from Her Majesty's Revenue And Customs, the closer the grants are to expiring, with Dave Bennett, trustee and company secretary of VT Sports Limited, admitting: "We've already extended the grants three or four times and I don't think we'll get a fourth extension."

To heighten Sholing's frustration, they are flushing money down the pan having been told to install an extra toilet block at the Silverlake Arena. It is to comply with Southern League ground grading rules which insist on extra toilets for people using the clubhouse.

No one uses the loos, which cost £70 a week to hire and, annoyingly, Sholing's toilet facilities were not questioned during the original ground grading visit which gave them the green light for promotion from the Wessex.

Had the Boatmen known last summer that extra toilets would be

'I'VE HAD A GUTFUL'

Boatmen boss Diaper frustrated at fighting for ground upgrade



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needed, the chances are they wouldn't have returned to the Southern League ranks.

But one of the reasons they wanted to go up was to secure a bigger slice of grant money towards the ground development which, almost a year later, is still in limbo.

"By going higher up the pyramid there's an additional £50,000 towards development costs," chairman/team boss Diaper explained. "But it costs an extra £8-9,000 to cater for Southern League travel, so we may have shot ourselves in the foot paying out money we didn't need to spend if the new facility doesn't happen."

"It's an unsatisfactory situation all round and it's hard to hide your frustration and anger sometimes."

"For me all this (the ground

development) goes back to around 2003 and there are only so many times you can try and drive it forward, which is why Dave Bennett is fronting it now.

"I've put loads of time and energy in and I've had a gutful of it."

"If there was something I could do to improve the situation, I would, but we keep hitting obstacles and if we don't get this new facility I can't see the club being able to sustain itself at Southern League level."

"It's very difficult to plan for the future with so many decisions still up in the air."

Given Sholing's standing as a well-known, well-run, ambitious community club with a thriving youth production line, it puzzles Diaper that the Boatmen don't

attract any outside investment.

"You hear of other clubs where guys are pumping money in and there's an ideal opportunity for someone to put money into Sholing," he said.

"This is an FA Charter Standard Community Club with Southern League status standing on a 13-acre site, yet no one wants to touch it with a barge pole."

"You'd think with all the money flowing through the Premier League now, we'd be ideal for some of that to filter down to us. We're a worthy cause, that's for sure!"

"I'm just the guy there running things at the moment, but it's the kids and the future of the club I'm concerned about. It's being put in jeopardy by something that's been taken out of our hands."

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Non-league Football



Loanee Yemi is on target

YEMI Odubade opened his scoring account for Woking last weekend.

But despite the best efforts of the on-loan Eastleigh marksman, the Cards went down 2-1 at Vanarama Conference leaders Barnet.

Controversy flared up in the 26th-minute when Woking centre-back Joe McNerney was controversially sent off for what looked a clean challenge on the league's top scorer John Akinde, who got up and beat former Bees keeper Jake Cole from the spot.

Five minutes into the second half Joey Jones' own goal made it 2-0 to Barnet and, at that stage, Woking did not look like coming back.

But Odubade, who had replaced Charles Banyia just after the hour, brilliantly set up a grandstand finish.

Using his pace to roar past the Barnet defence, he fired a magical left-foot finish across home keeper Graham Stack with 11 minutes remaining.

The ten-man Cards had several raids on goal in a frantic finale, but the jittery Bees clung on.

Saul returns

STRIKER Dan Saul has returned to former club Christchurch from Sydenhams Premier rivals Bournemouth Poppies.

Saul started out at Hurn Bridge and established himself in Priory's first team under Michael Cuffie, now assistant to boss Ken Vaughan at Bournemouth Poppies.

Vokes back

MATT Vokes – younger brother of Burnley striker Sam – is back for a second spell at Sydenhams Premier outfit Brockenhurst.

Midfielder Vokes, 22, has never strayed far from his New Forest roots, having also played for Lymington Town and Bashley.

As a 16-year-old the Lymington-based youngster was given a two-year apprenticeship by AFC Bournemouth.

Norris move

BRENDAN Norris has swapped one north Hampshire-based Sydenhams Premier club for another.

Norris, a former Andover Town player, has signed for Carl Bennett's upwardly mobile Whitchurch United side.

At the reins

DIRECTOR of football Graham Speechley-Price has reclaimed the Bashley managerial reins on a caretaker basis.

The New Forest club – bottom of the Southern One South & West – have parted company with coach Tom Prodomo, but Paul Morris remains on the management team in a coaching capacity.

Midfielder/striker Jack Hoey left Bashley this week to sign for divisional rivals AFC Totton, while midfielder Chris Hall is off to Craig Davis's Fleet Town.

Fleet have also signed defender Jack Smith on dual registration with Eastleigh.

Teenage Spitfires learning at Tiverton

TEENAGE Eastleigh duo Tony Lee and Hussein Heidari are continuing their football education with the Tiverton Town.

The Devonshire outfit are managed by Martyn Rogers, father-in-law of Spitfires' assistant boss Craig McAllister, who handed them both a start against Wimborne last Saturday and immediately saw the club's fortunes turn around.

Prior to the Magpies' visit to Ladysmead, Tivvy had been on a ten-game winless run in all competitions. But, with Heidari and Lee both scoring on their debuts, that barren spell was emphatically ended with a 3-0 success over Steve Cuss's mid-table visitors.

It was Tivvy's first league win since beating then league leaders Stratford 3-1 on November 22.

Heidari, a former Exeter City trainee who left St James's Park last summer, featured at full-back for Eastleigh in their FA Trophy defeat at Woking in December but played further forward for Tivvy.

Striker Lee, meanwhile, has spent a fair chunk of the season with Sydenhams Premier side Lymington Town, making 13 appearances for John Pyatt's men and scoring six goals.

Heidari took only seven minutes to get off the mark for his adopted, new club, firing home Matt Bye's cross after an initial corner had been cleared.

Tivvy came out of the blocks just as quickly after the break and this time it was the energetic Lee who came up with goods, exchanging passes with

Jimmy Hinds before knocking the ball past Wimborne stopper Jason Harvell.

Admitting it was not one of his sweetest strikes, Lee smiled: "I think the ball went through the defender's legs and came to me and it bobbed just as I went to hit it.

"It actually came off my heel and I didn't know too much about it, but they all count!

"I was playing Wessex League and have been scoring goals there. I just thought to myself that if I can score goals there, why can't I score goals in the league above?

"I couldn't have asked for a better start, to be fair. For me and Hussein to come down from Eastleigh and both get a goal is a great start.

"We heard about the bad run of form and thought we could come

down and help and it was great for the lads to get such a good win."

Tom Gardner scored a third for Tivvy who were reduced to ten men late on when Owen Howe was dismissed following an altercation with Adam Costello.

Wimborne's defeat completed a turbulent few days for the Magpies who had seen chairperson Paula Henley exit the club in midweek.

But manager Cuss said the boardroom upheaval was "no distraction at all" to his side, adding: "I couldn't argue with the result, but I thought our performance was excellent. We had a lot of young players and I thought we deserved more than we got."

Tiverton were out of luck on Tuesday, losing 2-1 at Bishops Cleeve.

CHERRIES STARLET HARRY'S GAME FOR HAWKS DEAL...

AFC BOURNEMOUTH'S former Christchurch starlet Harry Cornick has joined Conference South promotion chasers Havant & Waterlooville on a month's loan.

The 19-year-old was drafted straight into the Hawks' starting line-up in place of the suspended Josh Huggins for Tuesday's home clash with St Albans City.

He made a lively contribution – most notably combining well with ex-Eastleigh striker Ben Wright whose goalbound shot was blocked – but, ultimately, it was a frustrating night for Havant who were held to a goalless draw.

Cornick, who joined Bournemouth from Sydenhams Premier outfit Christchurch two years ago, was handed his first-team Cherries debut as a second-half sub in their FA Cup win at Rotherham last month.

He has travelled with Eddie Howe's SkyBet Championship high-fliers to a number of away games this season, including wins at Blackpool and Wigan.

The Poole Grammar School old boy – made captain of Bournemouth's development

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squad – had loan spells in the Conference with Aldershot and Welling last term.

At Havant he links up with ex-Dean Court player and manager, Lee Bradbury, whose side sat fifth in the Conference South following Tuesday's stalemate.

Although Bradbury was disappointed with the chances that went begging against St Albans, he said: "The positive thing is we kept a clean sheet and young Harry Cornick made a very good debut.

"He was hard-working, quick on the ball and got away from their defenders on a number of occasions."

Cornick's fellow Cherries young guns Jayden Stockley, Josh Wakefield and Josh Carmichael are also out on loan at Luton Town, Bristol Rovers and Welling United respectively.

LOAN STAR: Harry Cornick (right) has joined Havant and Waterlooville on a one-month deal



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WINCH HOPE FOR BIG CROWD AT SHOWDOWN

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WINCHESTER City are hoping to attract a bumper crowd for next Friday's (February 20, 7.45pm) spicy Sydenhams Premier Division showdown with Moneyfields.

Petersfield Town are looking more and more like would-be champions, so it may be that the best Winchester and Moneys can aim for now is runners-up spot.

But with both clubs having lodged applications for promotion – along with Petersfield, Blackfield & Langley and AFC Portchester – that is still a position worth fighting for and Winchester want as much support as possible to help them narrow the gap on Miles Rutherford's second-placed Moneys side.

To help woo fans out of the house on a Friday night, City are offering special admission of £5 adults and free for concessions and under-16s. Anyone with a season-ticket for any other club in the area will also get in free of charge.

"We've invited the Winchester City Flyers girls' football team to come along and help make it a really good occasion," said City's director of football Dave Malone.

"It's a big game for us and we'd love to see loads of fans flocking in.

"It's going to be a hell of a job now to catch Petersfield but, generally speaking, a top-two finish gives you a good chance of going up.

"We've got a difficult game on Tuesday at home to Follands



GOALS GALORE: Winchester's Zac Glasspool on the ball in his side's 6-0 win over Bemerton

(7.45pm) and then another one on Friday against Moneyfields. It's important we get the right results or else we're out of it."

Although Winchester are right up there as the best supported Wessex side, Malone admitted: "I still can't understand why we don't get better gates than we do.

"But if we start to doing well again as a club, I think the crowds will come back.

"There's easily the potential here for 200-plus gates if we start winning regularly.

"In terms of potential we're the biggest club in the league.

"Sometimes we take more supporters to away games than the home club have got.

"When we played down at Petersfield there was a crowd of 200 there and it makes a big dif-

ference to clubs when all those travelling fans pay to go in.

"But, despite that, we still seem to attract a lot of criticism and very little respect. I think it's just jealousy."

Having passed ground grading for the Southern One South & West last year, Winchester anticipate no problems on that score.

"Our problem is getting into a position where that becomes an issue," said Malone. "But we haven't given up the ghost. We've got some tough games coming up against Follands, Moneyfields, Newport and Blackfield and that will sort us out."

Admitting he wouldn't be sorry to leave some of the Sydenhams Wessex grounds behind, Malone added: "It's

something the league should look at.

"One of the biggest negatives of the Wessex League for me is the facilities.

"Some of the dressing rooms are appalling with no physio table, nothing.

"Players are expected to change in a dirty shed and that's something the league should look at.

"Generally speaking it's a really good league, but they should address some of the standards applied to clubs."

"Winchester City booked their place in the North Hants Senior Cup final on Tuesday with a comprehensive 5-1 win at Sydenhams One leaders Tadley Calleva. Sydenhams Premier rivals Whitchurch United await them in the final.

Jaded Harlequins 'just outplayed'

IAN Chalk admitted his jaded Bemerton Heath Harlequins side were "just outplayed" in last Saturday's 6-0 defeat at Winchester City.

Warren Bentley (2), Geoff Dunn (2), Dominic Cope and substitute Liam Robinson sentenced the Harlequins to their heaviest defeat of the season. It was the Wiltshire outfit's seventh straight loss in all competitions.

Giving an honest assessment of a torrid afternoon, Chalk said: "We were just outplayed. We had no Graham Mankin, Neil Williams or Liam Hutchinson and it's been like that since the start of the season.

"If you take that quality out of any side at our level you will struggle, especially at a

club like Bemerton where we have such a small squad.

"We are forced to play youngsters and players who are not ready at this standard to play so many consecutive games.

"For an hour we were OK, then fitness and strength take over and, with four or five players who are not physically able to cope with the Wessex League, you are bound to struggle. You can't win many games with five or six players.

"At some point the club had to have a transition stage and this season is it.

"The problem when you are as successful as we have been in recent years is that people expect that to go on forever. But that's just not the case and at some point we all

get too old and lose enthusiasm and commitment.

"At these points in a club's life you have to re-evaluate your strategy and start again from scratch."

Chalk, in his eighth season in charge, recently announced he would be stepping down as boss at the end of the season.

The 49-year-old said: "I know the club are close to appointing a successor and beginning the rebuilding process for, hopefully, a successful future."

Ex-Christchurch and Winchester boss Graham Kemp, former Alresford co-manager Danny Robinson and ex-Downton boss Jeff Softley are all believed to have declared an interest in succeeding Chalk.

This week's fixtures

Monday, February 16

FA CUP
Fifth round: Preston v Man Utd.

Tuesday, February 17

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
First knockout round, first leg: PSG v Chelsea, Shakhtar Donetsk v Bayern Munich.

SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Championship: Cardiff v Blackburn, Reading v Wigan, Rotherham v Derby.

League 1: Bristol City v Peterborough, Colchester v Milton Keynes Dons, Doncaster v Crewe, Notts County v Sheff Utd, Scunthorpe v Chesterfield.

League 2: Mansfield v Luton.

VANARAMA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
South: Bath City v Farnborough, Ebbsfleet v Bromley, Gosport Borough v Sutton, Hemel Hempstead v Wealdstone, Maidenhead v Basingstoke, Whitehawk v Concord Rangers.

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Poole Town v Chesham.

Division One South & West: Bishops Cleeve v Fleet Town, Stratford v Clevedon, Wantage v Evesham.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Newport IoW v Brockenhurst, Winchester City v Folland Sports.

SWL Cup, quarter-final: Horndean v Blackfield & Langley.

Division One: Hythe & Dibden v Team Solent.

PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP

Fareham Town v Havant & Waterlooville, Petersfield Town v US Portsmouth.

ANDOVER OPEN CUP

Second round: Otterbourne v AFC Wolversdene.

Wednesday, February 18

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

First knockout round, first leg: Basle v FC Porto, Schalke 04 v Real Madrid.

SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Championship: Birmingham v Middlesbrough.

League 1: Leyton Orient v Bradford.

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Corby v Weymouth, Frome v Dunstable.

Division One South & West: North Leigh v Merthyr Town.

WILTSHIRE SENIOR CUP

Amesbury Town v Highworth, Bradford Town v Laverstock & Ford.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Wyvern Challenge Cup, second round: AFC Portchester v Dorchester.

Premier Division: Petersfield Town v Winchester City.

Division One West: Bashley v Laverstock & Ford, Downton v Romsey.

John Stimpson Memorial Shield, league phase: C. Moneyfields v Blackfield & Langley.

Thursday, February 19

UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE
Round of 32 first leg: AaB v Club Brugge, Ajax v Legia Warsaw, Anderlecht v Dinamo Moscow, Celtic v Inter Milan, Dnipro v Olympiacos, Guingamp v Dynamo Kiev, Liverpool v Besiktas, PSV v Zenit St Petersburg, Roma v Feyenoord, Sevilla v Borussia M'gladbach, Torino v Athletic Bilbao, Tottenham Hotspur v Fiorentina, Trabzonspor v Napoli, Villarreal v SV Red Bull Salzburg, Wolfsburg v Sporting, Young Boys v Everton.

Friday, February 20

SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Championship: Wigan v Charlton.

League 2: Accrington Stanley v Cheltenham.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Winchester City v Moneyfields.

Saturday, February 21

(FL games 3pm ko unless stated otherwise)

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Aston Villa v Stoke, Chelsea v Burnley, Crystal Palace v Arsenal, Hull v QPR, Man City v Newcastle (5.30pm), Sunderland v West Brom, Swansea v Man Utd.

SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Championship: Blackburn v Blackpool, Brentford v Bournemouth, Brighton v Birmingham, Derby v Sheff Wed, Huddersfield v Cardiff, Ipswich v Reading, Middlesbrough v Leeds (12.15pm), Millwall v Fulham, Nottm Forest v Bolton, Torquay v Norwich, Wolverhampton v Rotherham.

League 1: Barnsley v Crewe, Bradford v Walsall, Colchester v Bristol City, Fleetwood Town v Notts County, Leyton Orient v Oldham, Milton Keynes Dons v Peterborough, Port Vale v Doncaster, Preston v Scunthorpe, Rochdale v Chesterfield, Sheff Utd v Coventry, Swindon v Crawley Town, Yeovil v Gillingham.

League 2: AFC Wimbledon v Luton, Bury v Hartlepool, Cambridge Utd v Portsmouth, Carlisle v Wycombe, Dag & Red v Burton Albion, Exeter v Plymouth, Newport County v Morecambe, Northampton v York, Oxford Utd v Mansfield, Stevenage v Southend, Tranmere v Shrewsbury.

VANARAMA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Premier: Nuneaton v Kidderminster (12.45pm), Alfreton v Aldershot, Barnet v Grimsby, Bristol Rovers v Altrincham, Chester v Eastleigh, Darford v Gateshead, Dover v Southport, FC Halifax v Braintree, Forest Green v AFC Telford, Welling v Wrexham, Woking v Torquay.

South: Basingstoke v Bishops Cleeve, Bath City v Ebbsfleet, Farnborough v Eastbourne Borough, Havant & Waterlooville v Maidenhead, Hayes & Yeading v Staines, Hemel Hempstead v Chelmsford, Sutton v Bromley, Wealdstone v Gosport Borough, Weston-super-Mare v Boreham Wood, Whitehawk v St Albans.

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Arlesey v Burnham, Banbury v Dunstable, Bideford v Dorchester, Biggleswade v Cambridge City, Chippenham v Slough, Histon v Chesham, Hungerford v Redditch, Paulton Rovers v Frome, St Neots v Hitchin, Truro v Poole Town, Weymouth v Cirencester.

Division One South & West: Bashley v Larkhall, Bishops Cleeve v Stratford, Cinderford v Yate, Didcot v Tiverton, Evesham v Wimborne, Fleet Town v Clevedon, Mangotsfield v North Leigh, Merthyr Town v Bridgwater, Sholing v Swindon Supermarine, Shortwood v Wantage, Taunton v AFC Totton.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Hamworthy Utd, Andover Town v Whitchurch, Bemerton HH v Horndean, Brockenhurst v Fawley AFC, Fareham Town v Blackfield & Langley, Folland Sports v Christchurch, Lymington Town v Alresford, Totton & Eling v Petersfield Town, Verwood v Newport IoW.

Division One: Andover NS v Tadley Calleva, Cowes Sports v Laverstock & Ford, Fleet Spurs v Amesbury, Hythe & Dibden v Downton, Ringwood v New Milton, Romsey v East Cowes Vics, Team Solent v US Portsmouth.

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

Senior Division: AFC Stoneham v Clanfield, Bush Hill v Otterbourne, Fleetlands v Paulsgrove, Liphook v Stockbridge, Liss v Hedge End Rangers, Locks Heath v Colden Common, Overton v Baffins Milton Rovers, QK Southampton v Hamble Club, Winchester Castle v Headley Utd.

Division One: Broughton v Netley Central Sports, Cadnam v Upham, Four Marks v Andover Lions, Infrinity v AFC Petersfield, Lyndhurst v Michelmarsh & Timbury.

Combination: Clanfield v Fleetlands, Hamble Club v AFC Stoneham, Headley Utd v Overton, Hedge End Rangers v Winchester Castle, Otterbourne v Liphook.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Wyvern Challenge Cup, quarter-final: Moneyfields v Hythe & Dibden. Premier Division: AFC Totton v Bemerton HH.

Division One East: Alton v Folland Sports, Horndean v Tadley Calleva, Newport IoW v US Portsmouth.

Division One West: East Cowes Vics v Blackfield & Langley, Fawley AFC v Lymington Town.

John Stimpson Memorial Shield, league phase: B. Petersfield Town v Verwood.

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Sparsholt hold trial to find next England hopeful

SPARSHOLT College are looking to build on recent success by announcing they plan to hold trials this week to expand their booming football academy, which boasts a future England international in its ranks.

The Winchester-based College has an extensive youth programme, including the Saints Second Chance Academy and teams connected to Wessex outfit Andover Town.

One student, Charlie Gunson, has been called up to represent England Schools in upcoming matches.

Sparsholt are looking to entice the next generation of stars to with an invitation to players of all abilities, aged 16



CHARLIE GUNSON to 17, to attend trials this Tuesday (February 17).

It will be an opportunity for any prospective players to visit the academy, which is headed by Andover Town boss Neil Benson, meet the staff and look at the facilities on offer.

Coupled with Gunson's England call-up, Sparsholt have produced players that have gone to earn scholarships at Saints and earn professional contracts at other clubs.

The trial event starts at 10am and will include training and matches, a tour of the campus and an opportunity to discuss academic courses.

All students at the academy are required to undertake an academic course studying a BTEC Diploma or Extended Diploma in Sport.

Manager Neil Benson must be contacted to confirm or arrange attendance at a trial. He can be reached on 07860 150075 or neil.benson@sparsholt.ac.uk.

Alternatively, call 01962 797588.

Brock march on in cup after shoot-out win

BROCKENHURST and Sparsholt experienced opposite fortunes in separate penalty shoot-outs, which decided national youth cup ties this week.

Brock beat Highbury 5-4 in the British Colleges regional final, while Sparsholt lost on penalties to South Downs, having been within 90 seconds of winning their Football Conference Youth Alliance Cup quarter-final tie.

Goals by Jack Hoey and Rhys Owen gave Brockenhurst a 2-0 half-time lead against Highbury, who are managed by former Pompey and Leicester City striker Steve Claridge. Highbury drew level at 2-2 to force extra-time, when Hoey scored again for Brock to make it 3-3.

Rhys Owen, Jack Dickson, Matt Dodd, Harry Morgan, Jack Hoey and Josh Rose tucked away their penalties to give Brock a 5-4 win.

Sparsholt looked set to beat South Downs – Havant & Waterlooville's youth team – on the strength of a first half header from England Schools' pick Charlie Gunson.

But they paid dearly for wasting several second half chances when Alfie Whittingham – former Portsmouth manager Guy Whittingham's teenage son – bundled home a late equaliser to force penalties. South Downs won 5-4, with Michael Donovan seeing his fourth penalty for Sparsholt superbly saved by Charlie Searle.



ACTION: Richard Taunton's Sam Long surrounded by the Bournemouth defence.

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TACKLE: Shay Hollinsworth and Callum Fitzhew in action during a football match.

Bournemouth. Order: 32760415

SEVEN UP FOR

ITCHEN are homing in on remarkable seventh successive Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges title – courtesy of a six-goal spanking of South Downs this week.

A 6-2 win against the overnight leaders has taken ITC into a very familiar pole position in the title race.

If ITC win their next match against Barton Peveril – after the half-term break – they will be hot championship favourites, though the Eastleigh college has games in hand, *writes Mike Vimpany*.

ITC were in irresistible form at Cosham's KGV Ground and blew South Downs away with a five-goal first half blast.

Jack Burrows and Callum Williams were simply too hot for the South Downs defence to handle, especially when skipper and lynchpin Tom Cain had to leave the field with facial injuries.

Williams notched a hat-trick before half-time and went on to score the sixth after the break.

Burrows got the other two ITC goals.

So, it might all come down to Middle Road on February 25 – ITC v Barton Peveril, who went into half-term ten points behind the six-times champions, with four games in hand.

BP, already through to next month's Peter Munro Cup final, scored a significant 6-0 win against St Vincent, who had put five goals without reply past South Downs a week earlier.

A Sam Morris brace, plus singles from Rian Jima-Otero and Matt Bainbridge gave Barton Peveril a 4-0 lead before Ben Gurman came off the bench to test his strained ham-



LINE-UP: Richard Taunton College pictured before the Colleges League clash against Bournemouth, which they

string – and promptly scored the last two goals!

BP's cup final opponents, Andover, almost had to dust the

cobwebs off their boots it's been so long they've played.

Last time out – in a force nine gale – they knocked ITC out of the cup

in a drama-packed penalty shoot-out.

Back to league action and F Bertie's corps trimmed a depleted



ell double up against

**NO WAY THROUGH:** Callum Fitzhewsewell is stopped by the Bournemouth defence. Order: 32760415

RITCHEN?



lost 2-1.

Queen Mary's 3-0 to remain sixth, but with games in hand. Andover's crisper passing and possession got its rewards when

Kieran Stephens beat two QMC defenders to secure a 1-0 half-time lead.

The second period mirrored the

first, with Cameron Roach deftly chipping the QMS keeper from 35 yards to double Andover's lead.

Andover stepped up a gear after that with a neat four-man move culminating in a second goal for Roach and a 3-0 win for the hosts.

Farnborough climbed into fourth spot with a 3-0 win at Portsmouth.

If the Colleges League had a manager of the month award, then Bournemouth's Andy Marsh would be a prime candidate.

Marsh, a fine footballer in his time and with an England Schools Under-19 cricket cap or two in his trophy cabinet, has overseen three wins on the spin for his Bournemouth School side, who experienced a pretty wretched pre-Christmas.

The good run, which began with wins over Havant and Chichester, continued with a 2-1 success at Richard Taunton College.

Matt Livingstone's opener was quickly cancelled out by a Shay Hollingsworth equaliser for RTC, who were wasteful in terms of chances in the period leading up to half-time.

"We started reasonably brightly after the break but Bournemouth stuck to their task and defended really well and hit us on the break on the hour mark," reflected RTC coach Tom Barge.

Chris Thompson hit Bournemouth's winner, after which the visitors were comfortable.

"They were quite comfortable and deserved the win, as they were much more organised defensively. We missed our captain Mo Aslami hugely with his powerful driving runs from midfield," Barge added.

Alton beat Bournemouth and Poole 5-1, with Mike Turner (2), Richard Dane, Will Currie, and Ed Duffy on target.

**ACTION:** Kings' Jo Sutherland is tackled by a Devonport opponent in his side's English Schools' U15 Cup clash. Order: 32752680

Stunning comeback floors Kings' cup bid

TALK about a game of two halves! Half-time: Kings' of Winchester 2 Devonport High 0 and a place in the quarter-finals of the English Schools' FA Under-15 PlayStation Trophy seemingly theirs for the taking.

Final whistle: Kings' 2 Devonport High 5. Kings' fold like a pack of cards and crash to defeat.

You really did have to be there to witness such an astonishing turnaround – one which will haunt Chris Marwood's year ten lads for some time to come.

Such a result was unthinkable at half-time.

Kings' were so much the better side and, had they put their chances away, would have put the game to bed by the time the half-time whistle blew.

Devonport were at sixes and sevens across the back in the initial stages and it was no surprise when Kings' took the lead.

Jack Down, pictured left, whose cultured left foot has caused many a defence problems all season, curled in a free-kick, which Devonport goalkeeper Ed Nettlethorpe spilled on to the waiting foot of Charlie Woolbridge.

Kings' had the chances to have eased themselves into a strong position after that, with Down firing another free-kick just wide and Dan Hunt being off target.

A second goal had to come and sure enough it did, through Down, who picked up the ball on the edge of penalty box and planted a superb strike into the far corner.

Half-time and the West Country visitors had barely been in it.

Kings' simply had to maintain their shape and discipline to win the tie – but, inexplicably, they didn't ...

They made too many elementary mistakes and Devonport cashed in.

Once Joe Loughlin pulled a goal back within minutes of the restart, the whole complex of the game changed.

Owen Haslan equalised from the edge of the box and then the ever

dangerous Harvey Alexander sent a low shot under the body of the Kings' goalkeeper to turn the tie around at 3-2.

Arguably the last chance Kings' had in the match came from the left foot of Down, whose teasing free-kick forced Nettlethorpe to sprawl to his right and beat the ball

away.

Any further threat from Kings' effectively disappeared after that and it was no surprise when Alexander scored a fourth goal and Loughlin a fifth for the Plymouth side.

It was a disappointing end to a fine run in the competition by Kings', who will be disappointed that, from an original entry of some 664 schools, they didn't reach the last eight.

The result was a double disappointment too as the girls' team were also knocked out of the ESFA Trophy recently, losing 4-2 to a talented Didcot outfit.



Order: 32752705

**ON THE BALL:** Kings' Charlie Woolbridge is crowded out by three Devonport defenders. Order: 32752676

Monks close in on kingpins

SHOLING Monks closed the gap on Junior 5 leaders Dorchester Arms to just a point after squeezing past Portside 2-1.

Jason Long and Kev Thorn scored, with Luke Chalmers replying.

Dorchester Arms were held 2-2 at home by Portswood United.

Fraser Crump and Joe Clist netted for the hosts, with Liam Faulds and Matt White replying.

All four goals came in the second half.

Rock-bottom Southampton Seahawks replied through Matt Lounge as they suffered their 12th straight defeat - 2-1 at Itchen Albion.

Toby Withers blasted four goals as Bitterne Ducks romped to an 8-0 success at St Minions.

Chris Pye (2), Zaine Rashid and Wayne O'Dell also scored.

Curbridge led 2-1 at the interval at Burridge, but had to settle for a 3-3 draw.

James Pitre, Glenn Littleboy and Liam Slade were on target for Curbridge, with Richard Becheley (penalty), Dave Middleton and Andy Graham replying.

Mottisfont stay perfect

MOTTISFONT maintained their 100 per cent record at the top of Junior Six with a 12-1 annihilation of AFC Phoenix.

Jason Gradidge and Callum Drake both struck three times as Font collected their 11th straight win to keep them ahead of Hunters Inn on goal difference.

Sam Piper (2), Matt Bosanquet (2), Craig Johnston and Harvey Clousdale made up the dozen.

Jack Solloway netted a brace as Hunters, who have played two more games than Font, won 4-0 at Unity. Ben Pearce and Ashley McGimpsey also scored.

Fawley RBL hit five second-half goals to beat visiting Sporting Compass 6-1.

Matt Swartz-Mabey (2), James Willis, Brendan Wright and Tom Dolan were among the marksmen, with Neil Curran having sent Sporting in level at the break.

Matthew Stride (2) and Daniel Lee gave Netley Royals a 3-3 draw at AFC Spitfire, with James Guppy, Daniel Richards and Matthew Coulthard replying.

O'Brien treble fires United

PORTSWOOD United Reserves moved level on points with Junior 7 leaders AFC Waterside after thrashing AFC Carnival 6-0.

Jerome O'Brien struck a hat-trick, with Chris Astridge (2) and Cameron Roach completing the half-dozen haul.

Kane Counley scored for Lyndhurst in a 1-1 home draw with Woodside, Jamie Gibbs replying.

Tempo Travel City of Southampton Sunday League

HAMBLE HIT A HIGH FIVE TO TURN UP HEAT ON LEADERS

HAMBLE Roll Call closed the gap on the Tempo Travel City of Southampton Sunday League Senior Division leaders by maintaining their 100 per cent record.

They notched up their sixth successive victory, winning 5-1 at third placed KRL, the team immediately above them, with goals from Matt Burt, Ricki Sibley, Ross Bottomley, Pip Nolan and Lewis Crook.

Terry Fredericks replied for KRL. Hamble are now four points adrift of table-toppers AFC Bursledon with two games in hand.

First-half goals from Harry Wheeler (2) and Luke Pomery gave Yacht Tavern a 3-2 home success against Cricketers Arms (Fair Oak).

Cricketers, 3-0 down at the break, hit back through Aaron Morris and Luke Owens.

There was also success for Hamble Roll Club Reserves.

SHOOT-OUT

They progressed to the semi-finals of the Hampshire FA Junior A Sunday Cup with a penalty shoot-out victory over Wickham Dynamos.

Patrick Goode's goal ensured Hamble were level at 1-1 at the end of extra time.

Hamble emerged 5-3 shoot-out winners with spot-kicks from Kelvin Kellaway, Russ Medcalf, Alan Hitchcock, Craig Lyons and Nathan Brown.

Boyatt Wood Wanderers' cup hopes were ended with a 1-0 home loss to Village Home.

Ice House remained top of Junior 1 after a 4-2 home victory over Titans.

Kev Fields, Sean Haines, Andy Longland and Dan Smith were on target, with Sam Gillman and Sam Bessant replying.

Glen stay second, level on points with Ice House but with an inferior goal difference and having played four more games.



CUP KINGS: Drew Smith Group Southampton Football League side Thompson FC are pictured, with club founder Jack Brazil (centre), celebrating their 2-1 victory over Junior 4 rivals Upham Reserves in the final of the SDFA B Cup. Ben Smith put Thompson ahead. Upham levelled through George McEwan but Smith's superb first time volley midway through the second half secured the silverware.

Picture by Roger Cooper

Alex Waterman's treble helped them defeat rock-bottom Chartwell Green 5-1.

Jake Voller and Dan Sultana also scored, with Nick Kellaway replying in the second half.

Nick Simpkins struck twice as Chamberlayne Athletic powered to a 4-0 win at Landguard Rovers.

Adam Smith (penalty) and Lee Osborne also scored.

Stuart Griffiths and Michael Collins were on target as AFC Riverside edged past RS Ocean Village 2-1, Brett Hall replying.

Eric Makate and Vinay Kumar scored for AFC Portswood in a 2-2 home draw against Sky Blue, who replied through Brad Snelling and Joe Dudley.

SPOT ON: Craig Lyons was on target for Hamble Roll Club Reserves in their 5-3 penalty shoot-out success over Wickham Dynamos.



Southbrook strengthen title push

AFC Southbrook strengthened their Junior 4 title push with a goal spree at Otter Sunday.

They romped to an 11-0 success at the same time that leaders Marchwood were being caned 6-2 at home by Eastpoint.

Mark Christopher and Ryan Longhurst both struck trebles as Southbrook moved to within four points of Marchwood with four games in hand.

James Erskine netted twice as Eastpoint won at Marchwood, with Darren Brown, Jamie Brennan, Chris Hill and Luke Hamilton also netting.

Goalkeeper Matt Younger (penalty) and Dan Plumbley replied.

Owen Williams (3) and Ash Dallimore shared the goals between them as Durley beat visiting Holbury 5-1. Joshua Bond replied for a Holbury side 2-0 down at the break.

Royal Marine triumphed 3-1 at Carnival with Charlie Dear, Gift Ngunane and Matt Shrimpton on target, Elliot Basset replying.

Nathan Gray gave Shelfside a half-time lead against King George, with Mark Phillips levelling in the second half.

Saints Cash in against pacesetters

ITCHEN Saints underlined their credentials as Junior 2 title favourites in some style.

The second-placed side closed the gap on leaders S & D by romping to a 7-2 victory over them.

AJ Cashmore led the spree with a hat-trick for an Itchen side who have five games in hand on the table-toppers.

Danny Phillips (2), Lewis Fear and Tony Sullivan also scored, with Jordan Prince twice replying.

Jordan Cook and Dan Annetts both struck twice as Testlands

caned visiting Phoenix 5-0.

LH Galaxy came from behind at half-time to win 3-1 against rock bottom Athletico Tin Hut,

thanks to Dan Champion, Gary Whitten and an own goal. David Paskins had put Tin Hut ahead.

● AARON Dunne, pictured right, blitzed a double hat-trick as Junior 3 table-toppers Trant romped to a 8-1 home win over AFC Bishopstoke.

Carl Steadman and Rikki Newman replying.

Richardson also scored, with Luke Harris replying.

Fleming Sports won 6-2 at Young Boys 93/94 with goals from Alex Buttler (2), Ross Walton and Ron Hassan.

Jamie Johnson's treble pointed AFC Velmore to a 6-4 home success against Chartwell Green Reserves.

Ash Hibberd (2) and Alex Waldron were also on target, with Simon Cocks (2), Elvin Pearce and Jack



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Girls and ladies football round-up

White nets win double as Saints reach final

SOUTHAMPTON Saints Girls & Ladies FC's under-12s overcame their most difficult test of the season to defeat Romsey 3-1 to reach the final of the Winchester & District Girls League under-13 cup.

Saints stormed out the blocks and

raced into a 2-0 lead after ten minutes. The first goal came a corner, Charlotte Webb's excellent delivery unluckily turned into her own net by a Romsey defender. The second goal came from excellent passing and good pressure, finishing with

Larissa White slamming the ball home from the edge of the box.

Saints were unlucky not to add to their tally by half-time but Romsey's defence stood firm.

Romsey regrouped after the break and reduced their

arrears with ten minutes to play.

Now under pressure, Saints were up to the task – determined defending preventing an equalising goal.

White made sure of the result with a breakaway goal after combining well with Webb.



KITTED OUT: Local McDonald's franchisee Bryan Rupp has provided QK Southampton Youth FC's ladies with new training equipment. He is pictured, back row (middle), with the team.

Order no: 32496538

McDonald's boost for new QK teams

QK SOUTHAMPTON FC's new girls and ladies teams have been donated brand new training equipment ... by McDonald's.

The Lordshill-based club has received footballs, cones, bibs and kit bags as part of the McDonald's Community Football Programme.

Bryan Rupp, who owns two McDonald's restaurants in Southampton, donated the equipment.

A keen supporter of community football, he said: "QK Southampton FC are a fantastic example of a well-run club, which offers football for everyone in the local community."

"When they told me about setting up a new girls and ladies section I was more than happy to offer them support."

"We are very much looking forward to seeing how the teams progress."

Founded in 1972, QK Southampton FC

has seven teams across several age groups who all play on a weekly basis.

The club has well-established roots in the local community and was recently awarded with FA Charter Community status.

Chairman Wayne Snelgrove said: "We are incredibly grateful for Bryan's donation."

"Setting up new teams is no small task and the support we receive from Bryan and McDonald's is vital."

TEMPO TRAVEL CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY LEAGUE STANDINGS

Senior Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Bursledon	9	7	1	1	45	11	22
AFC West End	9	6	1	2	27	9	19
KRL	10	6	0	4	44	21	18
Hamble Roll Call	6	6	0	0	27	5	18
Sholing Utd	7	4	0	3	29	20	12
Yacht Tavern	9	4	0	5	21	24	12
Cricketers Arms	10	3	0	7	26	39	9
Bush Hill & NH	4	1	0	3	10	18	3
Alderbrook	12	0	0	12	8	90	0

Junior 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ice House	11	9	0	2	49	28	27
Glen	15	9	0	6	57	41	27
Landguard	12	6	1	5	42	34	19
AFC. Riverside	12	6	1	5	23	24	19
Titans	8	5	1	2	22	13	16
Chamberlayne	13	4	1	8	30	32	13
AFC Portwood	8	4	1	3	26	32	13
Sky Blues	12	4	1	7	27	45	13
R.S. Ocean Village	8	2	0	6	19	28	6
Chartwell Green	9	1	2	6	17	35	5

Junior 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
S & D Youth	14	8	1	5	46	44	25
Itchen Saints	9	7	2	0	48	14	23
Hamble Roll Call Res	11	7	2	2	36	16	23
Testlands	8	6	0	2	31	10	18
Lokomotive Eastleigh	10	3	3	4	23	26	12
Phoenix AFC	10	4	0	6	17	34	12
Boyatt Wood	6	3	1	2	16	16	10
LH Galaxy	13	1	3	9	17	39	6
Athletic Tin Hut	9	0	0	9	10	45	0

Junior 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Trant	12	10	0	2	65	14	30
Hedge End	9	9	0	0	67	12	27
Test Valley Sp	10	5	1	4	28	34	16
AFC Bishopstoke	10	3	3	4	20	31	12
AFC Velmere	8	3	1	4	22	24	10
Young Boys 93/4	8	3	0	5	23	35	9
Fleming Sports	12	2	2	8	26	47	8
Chartwell Res	11	2	1	8	15	57	7
Bishops	6	2	0	4	16	28	6

Junior 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marchwood	15	9	1	5	47	34	28
AFC Southbrook	11	8	0	3	53	23	24
Durley	12	6	3	3	34	22	21
Shelfside	11	6	1	4	50	40	19
King George	8	5	1	2	26	18	16
Carnival UK	11	5	1	5	44	39	16
Eastpoint	11	5	1	5	34	39	16
Royale Marine	10	4	1	5	22	24	13
Holbury United	14	4	0	10	39	58	12
Otter Sunday	11	0	1	10	12	64	1

Junior 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dorchester Arms	11	9	1	1	60	12	28
Sholing Monks	11	9	0	2	41	24	27
Brook Park Sp	9	7	0	2	46	12	21
Curbridge	9	6	2	1	35	9	20
Portsmouth Utd	15	5	4	6	41	30	19
Blitene Ducks	11	6	1	4	41	33	19
Itchen Albion	10	4	0	6	23	37	12
Burridge AFC	9	3	2	4	25	21	11
Portside	7	2	0	5	12	14	6
St Minions	10	1	0	9	15	81	3
Soton SeaHawks	12	0	0	12	7	73	0

Junior 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mottisfont	11	11	0	0	74	10	33
Hunters Inn	13	11	0	2	59	11	33
Netley Royals	13	9	2	2	44	29	29
Fawley RBL	11	8	1	2	53	24	25
JSC	12	4	0	8	23	30	12
AFC Spitfire	11	3	2	6	25	36	11
Sp Compass	11	3	2	6	22	45	11
Unity	11	2	1	8	16	41	7
AFC Phoenix	10	1	1	8	14	51	4
Bannister Park	13	1	1	11	11	64	4

Junior 7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Waterside	11	10	1	0	84	5	31
Portsmouth Res	14	10	1	3	68	27	31
Dorchester Manor	11	8	0	3	46	24	24
Woodside AFC	14	5	2	7	28	53	17
AFC Bishopstoke Res	9	5	1	3	34	23	16
Lyndhurst Junior	6	4	1	1	31	9	13
Netley RBL	9	3	0	6	28	29	9
AFC Carnival	13	2	2	9	20	72	8
Chamberlayne Res	12	2	2	8	19	76	8
Testwood Tornados	11	0	2	9	18	58	2

● Standings do not include this weekend's games.

Turner prize

SOUTHAMPTON Saints Girls & Ladies FC's under-13s underlined their position as Winchester & District under-14 league leaders with a 4-2 victory at second-placed Crofton.

The visitors piled the pressure on from the off, winning a host of corners from which Jennifer King, Beth Turner and Alicia Hill all went close.

The pressure finally told and Beth Turner put Saints ahead.

Manisha Kaur made it 2-0 with a stunning long-range strike.

Kaur had a hand in the third goal, passing to Kia Antoney whose cross was slotted home by Sian Bradbeer to give Saints a 3-0 advantage at the break.

The hosts hit back with a two-goal salvo in the second half but Saints kept their heads and Turner, with her second of the game, secured maximum points for the visitors.

Saints just Tew good for Town

SOUTHAMPTON Saints Ladies finished off their final home game of the season with an impressive 3-1 win against Cheltenham Town.

The hosts had an early penalty shout turned down when Midge Browning was barged in the back.

Saints did take the lead midway through the first half after a defence-splitting pass from Becki Bath found Krystal Whyte, whose half volley gave the keeper no chance.

Eight minutes before the break, Cheltenham were awarded a soft penalty. Goalkeeper Hannah Houghton saved the spot kick – only for the rebound to be tucked home to

HOW THEY STAND

FA Premiership SW Division 1	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Swindon Town *	12	9	2	1	25	26
Forest Green	12	8	2	2	20	26
SAINTS LFC	15	8	1	6	7	25
Exeter City	10	6	2	2	15	20
Chichester	11	4	1	6	-2	13
Larkhall	10	4	1	5	-3	13
Shanklin	10	2	3	5	-12	9
Cheltenham	11	2	2	7	-19	8
St Nicholas	9	0	0	9	-31	0

* Three points deducted

send the teams in level at the break.

The second half followed a similar pattern to the opening period, with Saints' patient possession game interrupted by the occasional Cheltenham counter.

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Which players are in the 30 goal club?

TOTTENHAM sensation Harry Kane is on course to join Saints legend Matt Le Tissier in an elite club of goalscoring Englishmen.

Kane is aiming to become only the eighth English player in the Premier League era to score 30 goals in a season in all competitions.

Kane, who seems certain to win his first England call-up next month for the Euro 2016 qualifier against Lithuania at Wembley and the friendly in Italy, has already scored 22 goals this season - 12 coming in the league.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks at the other Englishmen who have broken the 30-goal barrier in all competitions during the Premier League era:

Andy Cole (1993-94, 41 goals)

BECAME a Tyneside hit after failing to make the grade at Arsenal, scoring 34 Premier League goals and 41 in all competitions in the 1993-94 season to break Hughie Gallacher's club record set nearly 70 years earlier.

Cole's goals helped Newcastle to third place in their first Premier League campaign before he joined Manchester United for £7million in 1995.

Alan Shearer (1993-94, 41 goals; 1994-95, 37 goals; 1995-96, 37 goals)

PASSED the 30-goal mark four times - three at Blackburn and once with Newcastle - in a career which saw him become the Premier League's all-time top marksman with 260 goals.

Shearer, who started his career with Saints, won the title with Rovers in 1994-95 before moving to boyhood favourites Newcastle for a world-record £15million transfer fee in July 1996.

Went on to notch 30 goals for the Magpies in 1999-2000, including a five-goal haul against Sheffield Wednesday in September 1999.

Kevin Phillips (1999-2000, 30 goals)

THE Sunderland striker became the only Englishman to win the European Golden Shoe when he scored 30 Premier League goals in the 1999-2000 term.

Struck up a potent 'little and large' partnership with Niall Quinn as the Black Cats finished seventh in the Premier League a year after being promoted.

Left Sunderland to join Saints for £3.2m in the summer of 2003.

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SENIOR SPORTSPERSON: Tom Dickson presents Kelly Simm with her award. All pictures courtesy of Dan Wilson.



SENIOR DISABILITY: Alison Jones presents Shane Pletts with his award.



JUNIOR VOLUNTEER: Heather Windust, right, presents Kathryn Burroughs with her award.



JUNIOR SPORTSMAN: Francis Benali presents Andrew Douglas with his award

COMMONWEALTH Games gold medal star Kelly Simm was among the winners when the Eastleigh Sports Awards were held at The Ageas Bowl.

The 19-year-old won the Senior Sportsperson of the Year award after a 12-month period that included being part of the England team that won the Women's artistic team all-around gold in Glasgow.

Simm's coach, Keith Richardson, was voted Performance Coach of the Year while another Dynamo Gymnastics Club official, Kerri Upton, collected the Participation Coach of the Year.

Two people were also presented

with the 'Service to Sport' award, sponsored by Eastleigh Borough Council, to recognise their dedication and commitment to their sports for over 20 years.

Stephen Winter has been an integral part of Otter SFC for many years, while Paul Didden has been part of Eastleigh Running Club since its formation.

PERFORMANCE COACH:

Jo Parker presents Keith Richardson with his award

There was one last special award, a surprise one handed to Saints legend Francis Benali. Benali, the evening's chief guest, had earlier opened the event with a speech reflecting on his remarkable 1,000-mile chari-

ty run between all Premier League grounds last August and September.

Here is a list of the awards winners ..

Trophyman Junior Sportsman of the Year

Andrew Douglas increased his pole vaulting PB by 70cm to 4.3m in a single year.

He won gold in the Schools International Athletics Board and achieved silver at the England Athletics National Indoor championships and English Schools Championships.

Golfer Warren Clark, Harvey Whitmill (karate) and Brendan Drewett (cycling) were also shortlist-

AWARDS EASTLEIGH SPORTS AWARDS

THE BEST AROUND



JUNIOR DISABILITY: Alison Jones presents Liam Hall with her award.



JUNIOR SPORTSWOMAN: Daily Echo sports editor Simon Carter presents Emily Hewitt with her award.



MASTER SPORTSMAN: Faith Cribbs presents the award to Brian Tubb.

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Daily Echo Junior Sportswoman of the Year

Emily Hewitt reached all the 'A' finals in the Canoe sprint World Cup in Boulogne.

She also retained her national champion status at the GB National Sprint Regatta and became the Waterside Series 2014 champion.

Ellie Hodgson (athletics) and Emma Hebbes were also shortlisted.

Exxon Mobil Junior Disability Sportsperson of the Year

Liam Hall was crowned Boccia England VI champion.

He also attended a London youth rowing event and is Winchester Goalball Club's youngest ever player.

He has also been busy raising the profile of Boccia within his community.

Golfer Warren Clark was also shortlisted for this award.

Exxon Mobil Senior Disability Sportsperson of the Year

Shane Pletts overcame an illness that made him unable to play squash for three



SPECIAL AWARD: Francis Benali receives his award from Eastleigh Mayor Tony Noyce

Sport Hampshire & Isle of Wight Junior Volunteer of the

months to compete in the Deaf World Squash Championships.

He endured a gruelling training routine to see him not only return to fitness but win the World Team and Doubles titles.

PARTICIPATION COACH: Jim Vaughan presents Kerri Upton with her award.

Year

Kathryn Burroughs has shown a passion for the development of youth sport. She has completed track and field officiating and netball umpiring courses.

Kathryn also coaches netball at her local primary school, and coaches her year 7 team.

Lauren Burrows and Sophie Collins, both involved with equestrianism, were shortlisted for this award.

Age Concern Senior Volunteer of the Year

Andy Moore set up the Hampshire Youth Rugby League from scratch. He had to create the format; recruit, train and develop the teams,

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Englishmen who joined the 30-goal club...

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Robbie Fowler (1995-96, 36 goals, 1996-97, 31 goals)

ENGLAND striker's 28-goal haul in the league saw him end the 1995-96 season as the country's second highest scorer behind Shearer.

Liverpool finished third and reached the FA Cup final, where they were beaten by Eric Cantona's goal for Manchester United.

Also passed the 30-goal milestone the following campaign, although the Reds - who had topped the table for much of the season - had to settle for fourth spot.



Wayne Rooney (2009-10, 33 goals; 2011-12, 34 goals)

ENGLAND captain has passed the 30 mark on two occasions, but had to wait until his sixth season at Old Trafford to achieve the feat.

His 26 league goals in 2009-10 - including his 100th Premier League goal - earned him the Professional Footballers' Association and Football Writers' Association player of the year awards.

Two years later, having dramatically reversed his desire to leave United in October 2010, he had the best scoring season of his career with 34 including 27 in the league, but had only a Community Shield winners' medal to show for it.

Matthew Le Tissier (1994-95, 30 goals)

NOTCHED 30 goals including 19 in the league as

Saints, having narrowly avoided relegation the previous campaign, achieved their highest top-flight finish (10th) since 1990. Named the club's player of the year for the



third time in a season which also saw Alan Ball's side reach the fifth round of the FA Cup and the third round of the League Cup.

Ian Wright (1992-93, 30 goals; 1993-94, 34 goals; 1994-95, 30 goals; 1996-97, 30 goals)

HAVING joined Arsenal for a then club-record fee of £2.

5million in 1991, Wright's goalscoring exploits - he was the club's top scorer for six straight seasons - played a big part in the Gunners' success.

They won both domestic cups in 1993 and a 1997-98 league and FA Cup double.

England make light of early setback

ENGLAND launched World Cup year at Twickenham by sweeping Italy aside 47-17 to generate further momentum in their quest for a first RBS 6 Nations title under Stuart Lancaster.

The brilliance of Jonathan Joseph was evident once again as the lightning-fast outside centre followed up his try against Wales by plundering two more, his footwork and pace tormenting the Azzurri defence.

Billy Vunipola, Ben Youngs, Danny Cipriani and Nick Easter also crossed, but it proved to be an afternoon of frustration after the euphoria of an outstanding start to the Championship in Cardiff.

Italy touched down through Sergio Parisse and Luca Morisi, who claimed two tries, and failed to finish two more chances, while fly-half Kelly Haimona was unable to land a single one of his four attempts at goal.

A substantial improvement will be needed if England are to remain on course for the Grand Slam by dispatching Ireland in their pivotal Dublin showdown on March 1.

Other than the devilry of man of the match Joseph there was little on this performance to frighten the Irish, although England's management will justifiably credit Italy's stubborn resistance for some of their own shortcomings.

The victory did not come without cost after former Peter Symonds student Mike Brown, right, was knocked unconscious during an early collision with Andrea Masi and had to be driven from the pitch on a medical cart following several minutes of treatment.

Brown later returned to watch from the stands, but the full-back now faces the return to play protocols for concussion and is a doubt for the third instalment of the Six Nations in Dublin.

Speaking after the game, England boss Lancaster felt his team's victory over Wales last week had had a knock-on effect on the players in the 47-17 defeat of Italy at Twickenham.

Asked afterwards if his side had been suffering something of an emotional hangover at first from last Friday's 21-16 win in Wales, Lancaster said: "It looked that way, without a doubt."

"It was a soft try we conceded first up, and it took until half-time."

"I gave them a bit of a rev up and said 'listen boys, we need to up the intensity', and I thought we did that a little bit in the second half."

"I don't think we can use the injury to Mike Brown as a reason."

"I just think we were a little bit off, off the back of last week. We need to be better than that."

"Overall, if you had said to me at the start of the day that I would get 47 points, I would have taken it if I'm being honest."

"But I'm slightly disappointed we couldn't do a bit better."



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UNSUNG HERO: Debby Bartlett presents the award to members of the Activity Buddy Scheme.



CLUB OF THE YEAR: Ageas Bowl Chief Executive David Mann, left, presents the award to Trojans Hockey Club.

TAKING THE PRIZES

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volunteers and referees, and also secure funding to help develop a base of coaches which are required for the teams to run.

He's first on site and last off site and can often be found marking out the pitch on a Friday evening.

John and Sonja Davison (multi events), Sarah Garratt (cricket and hockey) and Paula Coleman (equestrianism) were shortlisted.

Eastleigh Youth & Community Trust Participation Coach of the Year

Kerri Upton is a coach at Dynamo Gymnastics Club.

Her fun, hands on approach and 100 per cent commitment has been recognised by the coaching community.

She has developed strong relationships with other clubs to share best practice.

Richard Searle (football), Adie Smith (rugby league), Simon Howells (tennis) and Steven Jones (judo) were also shortlisted.

Eastleigh Games 2012 Legacy Group Unsung Hero

The Activity Buddy Scheme is a volunteer scheme linking up disabled users with buddies at Fleming Park.

2014 saw this scheme go from strength to strength due to the commitment shown by their growing number of volunteers.

Last year they ran over 1,400 supported sessions, enabling the scheme's disabled users to overcome various barriers to participate.

Ray Murphy (walking football) and Tai Goddard (multi events) were shortlisted for this award.

Fleming Park Performance Coach of the Year

Keith Richardson is the coach of Kelly Simm, a Gold medal winner at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow last year.



SERVICES TO SPORT: Steven Winter, above left, and Paul Dibden, right, with Eastleigh Mayor Tony Noyce

SENIOR VOLUNTEER: Devan Kandiah, right, presents the award to Andy Moore of Hampshire Youth Sunday League.

Keith is the greatest example of a professional coach and has obtained a Master coach award and is a tutor and assessor.

He is the coaching mentor for over 25 coaches at the club, for both men and women's gymnastics, and renowned for his ability to produce male and female elite competitors.

Martin Davies (triathlon/duathlon/running) was shortlisted.

Eastleigh College Senior Sportsman of the Year
Kelly Simm had a fantastic year, being part of Team GB's Gold winning Commonwealth Games gymnastics team.

She also became British Vault champion and English floor champion in 2014.

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COMPERE: Kevan James of Radio Solent

Brian Tubb was part of the all-conquering England team at the over 70s hockey World Championships in June.

Brian is a constant source of advice, guidance and good humour to those thinking about retiring from sport.

It is regular for him to be part of a two man front line in the Trojans veteran's hockey team Martin Davies was shortlisted for this award.

Saints Foundation Team of the Year

Toynbee U13 Girls football team won both the Hampshire Schools Football Cup and the Premier League 6-a-side Southampton Championship.

As a result, they represented Saints at the National Finals in Manchester.

Toynbee U15 Boys Handball Squad, Eastleigh & Winchester District Football Team and Southampton Spitfires (rugby league) were short-listed.

Ageas Bowl Club of the Year

Trojans Hockey Club now boast 744 players across more than 25 teams.

In the past year, not only have many of these teams achieved success, but the club has strengthened itself and its community ties by running many events aimed at raising participation levels within the borough.

The fifth Eastleigh Sports Awards were organised by The Eastleigh Sport and Physical Activity Alliance.

Lou Gittens, Chair of the Eastleigh SPAA, officially opened the event which was compered by ex Hampshire cricketer and now BBC Radio Solent presenter Kevan James.

SMILE PLEASE: All the Eastleigh Sports Awards winners.



OPENING SPEECH: Chair of the Eastleigh SPAA Lou Gittens, above, addresses the Ageas Bowl audience.

TEAM OF THE YEAR: Franny Benali, left, presents members of the Toynbee Under-13 football team with their award.

Wales 'to blast out of blocks'

RHYS Webb believes Wales are ready to blast out of the blocks against Scotland on Sunday when they will attempt to rejoin this season's RBS 6 Nations title race.

Defeat at Murrayfield would consign them to a place among this season's also-rans after just two rounds of a tournament they have won three times under head coach Warren Gatland.

Wales did it the hard way in 2013, securing Six Nations silverware by reeling off four successive victories that culminated with a record win against England following an opening weekend loss to Ireland.

England's Millennium Stadium triumph eight days ago means Wales will again need to emerge from the chasing pack – and potentially require a few fallers in front of them during the next five weeks.

But Webb and company will aim to start the recovery process at Murrayfield against opponents they have beaten seven times in succession and not lost against since 2007.

"Everybody is against us, having lost to England," Wales scrum-half Webb said.

"Obviously we want to do well, not just for ourselves and our families, but for the nation as well.

"We need to repay our fans and everyone this week. That is why there has been that extra bit of sharpness at training, and everyone is feeling positive."

Webb escaped from immediate fall-out of the England defeat last weekend by testing out his new quad bike on the Merthyr Mawr sand dunes near Bridgend, but Sunday is all about getting Wales' Six Nations campaign back on track.

"We lost – and obviously we are bitterly disappointed with that loss – but personally, I didn't want to keep myself in the house, I wanted to get out," he added.

"You take it on the chin. We know we can do better, and that's what we are going to do this week.

"There has been a bit of an extra edge in training.

"Some of the boys were probably a bit lazy on the weekend, obviously not getting up off the floor quickly enough or areas like that, so now it is all about speed in everything we do, and it has been very sharp this week."

Wales will need to put a startling second-half demise against England behind them – they conceded 13 unanswered points after leading 16-8 – as they target continued success at Scotland's expense.

Wales are without a rested George North, who took two heavy knocks to his head during the England defeat, and concussed prop Samson Lee – Liam Williams and Aaron Jarvis are their respective replacements – but Gatland has made no form-based changes.

And Webb added: "We have won against Scotland the last seven times, so obviously that will be a positive for us and the boys love going to Murrayfield to play. Hopefully, we can put a good performance in."

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Wenger: Top 4 spot is priority

ARSENE Wenger claims every Premier League match is like a cup contest for Arsenal in their bid to secure a top-four finish and a place in next season's Champions League.

The Gunners play Monaco later this month after qualifying for the knockout stages of Europe's elite competition for a 15th consecutive season, but their participation in next term's Champions League is in doubt in a competitive Premier League.

Arsenal continue their FA Cup defence in tomorrow's fifth-round clash with Middlesbrough, but Wenger, pictured below, knows priorities lie elsewhere.

"Our basic is always to finish in the top four and then win a trophy on top of that," said Wenger, whose FA Cup success last term ended a nine-year trophy drought.

"We want always to be in the Champions League and this season it will be very difficult, because it's very tight if you look at the table – every game now becomes a cup game."

The FA Cup is a competition Wenger wants to do well in, though. "We have won (the FA Cup) five times during my period here," he added.

"Nobody has won it more in the last 18 years, so we have always taken the competition seriously."



Wenger plans to rotate his options and could give Gabriel Paulista his debut in defence and rest Germany World Cup winner Per Mertesacker.

The 24-year-old Brazilian signed from Villarreal for a reported £15million fee in a deal which attracted attention due to Arsenal's repeated defensive failings in recent seasons.

Wenger has no doubt Gabriel has the ability to swiftly adapt to English football, but the Arsenal boss has concerns that the language barrier could make life difficult.

Gabriel's English is "very bad", Wenger said. "It is a problem."

"When you don't speak English and you don't understand 'Come out, come back, right, left', it is a problem for a defender. You need to know the key words. Offside. Referee. Foul."

"(But) he has the physicality and motivation. He has an opportunity to show that now."

Gabriel is the first defender Wenger has bought with no English at all, although Jose Antonio Reyes' command of the language was limited even when he returned to Spain.

Winchester & District Sports Awards 2014



LINE UP: Winchester MP Steve Brine, left, with all the award winners.



PERFORMANCE COACH OF THE YEAR: Bryan Andrews, left, with Jez Clark (Breeze FM).



OUTSTANDING PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT: Lee Grant, left, and Thomas Hasler, right.



JUNIOR SPORTSMAN: Daniel Prickett, left, and Jack Wiseman, right, with Lawrence Blair (Sparsholt College).



CLUB AWARD: Winchester Goalball.



LEFT: Male volunteer winner Hugh Raymer.



BELOW: Junior female volunteer winner Agnes Swieca.



ABOVE: Ellie Trow receives the junior disability sports person award from David Rigby (Lloyds Banking).



LEFT: Senior volunteer winner Paul Wilson with Richard Botham (Winchester City Council), right.

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Winchester & District Sports Awards 2014

GONG TIME FOR WINCHESTER'S SPORTING SUPERSTARS



SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR:
Joe Marchant.

Simon Walter
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THE seventh annual Winchester & District Sports Awards has celebrated the best of the region's sporting achievements in 2014.

Winchester MP Steve Brine was in attendance as awards were presented across 14 categories to recognise the commitment and excellence of coaches and volunteers, as well as sportsmen and women.

Rugby star Joe Marchant, a Peter Symonds College student who signed for Harlequins last year, was unable to receive the Sportsman of the Year award due to his England U20 commitments.

But all the other winners were presented with their awards in person, including Thomas Hasler and Lee Grant from the inspirational Cycle 2 Sweden team, which won the Outstanding Personal Achievement award for raising £7,500 for charity by cycling from Alresford to Stockholm.

Winchester Goalball Club, founded by Paralympian Adam Knott, won Club of the Year. Junior Team of the Year went to Sparsholt College, the winners of the English Schools U18 National Cup as well as two county cups.

The Junior Sportsman award was shared between U9 tennis star Daniel Prickett, who is ranked second nationally for his age group, and Jack Wiseman, a 12 year-old who plays for Winchester City Basketball Club's U16 team – as well as England's U12s.

Winchester & District AC triathlete India Lee won Sportswoman of the Year after finishing sixth in the European Cup in Geneva as well as two podium places in British Championship races – despite undergoing surgery following a bike crash in March.

Junior Sportswoman is Annie Lado, a Westgate School pupil who made her England debut at the Under-13 Refrath Cup in Germany last summer.

Masters Sportsperson was won by Lindsey Andrews, a mum with a full-time job who won gold in every karate competition she entered to retain her status as number one in veterans Kata. Her husband Bryan won Performance Coach of the Year for his commitment to the couple's academy in Basingstoke, as well as



JUNIOR TEAM: Sparsholt College football.



SENIOR SPORTSWOMAN: India Lee.



MASTERS SPORTSPERSON: Lindsey Andrews.



PARTICIPATION COACH OF THE YEAR: Paddy Shephard.

being Kata coach to the England karate team.

Participation Coach is South Wonston Table Tennis Club's Paddy Shephard, whose achievements include the setting up of a new primary school league in conjunction with Winchester City Council.

Winchester City Penguins Swimming Club's Ellie Trow, who won five medals at the Cerebral Palsy National Championships and achieved personal bests in all her

disciplines at the Disabled Sports Events National Swimming Championships, received Junior Disability Sportsperson of the Year.

Volunteer of the Year went to Paul Wilson, Club Development Officer and U10s coach at Littleton FC, as well as being on the Eastleigh District Mini-Soccer League Committee.

Two Peter Symonds College coaches won the Junior Volunteer awards: Hugh Raymer (tennis), who also runs the rugby team at

Westgate Secondary School, and Agnes Swieca (dance).

There was also a Recognition Award, for services to Physical Activity and Health, for Blue Apple Theatre.

Organised by the Winchester District Sport and Physical Activity Alliance (SPAA), the awards were sponsored by Sparsholt College, Winchester University, Lloyds TSB, Winchester Physiotherapy, Sport Hampshire & IOW, Places for People, Winchester City Council.

Bradford sensing another cup upset

BRADFORD boss Phil Parkinson is adamant his side will not curb their attacking intentions as they go in search of another famous FA Cup scalp against Sunderland at Valley Parade tomorrow.

The League One underdogs stunned Jose Mourinho's Chelsea in round four by pouring forward when many lesser teams would have been content to simply soak up more punishment.

And despite a barren pitch which is hardly conducive to free-flowing play and the added expectation that comes with having sunk the Cup favourites in style, Parkinson, pictured below, sees no reason to change his philosophy now.

He said: "We are really positive in the way we play and we will certainly be looking to attack at every available opportunity.

"We are at our best when we got out there in a positive frame of mind and we are not going to change that – obviously we have got to do it in a structured way but we have players who are good enough to do that."

With the rare sight of sold-out signs outside Valley Parade and the



Bantams' Cup run earning attention from across the globe, it is not hard to find those who believe Parkinson's men are cued up for another top-flight conquest.

The Bradford boss feels no need to dampen the understandable enthusiasm in the city given the way his players reacted in the wake of the Chelsea win by shutting out their Cup heroics and embarking on a win of three games unbeaten.

But he has been keen to stress the clear discrepancy between his own squad – which cost the sum total of £7,500 – and the multi-millionaires who will arrive looking to avoid an upset on Sunday.

"We will take confidence from the Chelsea victory but we've also got the underdog mentality," said Parkinson.

"One of their mid-earners will be earning more than our whole squad put together, so it's a huge gulf. But my job is to make sure that gulf isn't evident in the manner of our performance.

"No-one expected us to get to this stage when we drew Chelsea so it's a bonus game for us. Sunderland are going to have to have an off-day and we are going to have to play even better than we have before."

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BOOK of the WEEK

Warriors on Horseback
By John Carter

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MEMBERS of the Armed Forces may raise an eyebrow and consider a wry smile when reading the opening line of John Carter's *Warriors on Horseback*, an insight into the history and lives of professional jockeys. "What," asks Carter, "possesses someone to earn a living by placing himself or herself in mortal danger every day?"

No doubt a sizeable number of soldiers, sailors and airmen frequently ask themselves something similar, but Carter is talking about the professional jockey, the only sportsman he can think of who is prepared to "get up at the crack of dawn seven days a week to rack up more motorway miles for an annual income that Premiership footballers can earn in a week."

Much attention has this week, rightly, focused on AP McCoy's decision to retire from jump racing at the end of the current season. McCoy will claim his 20th consecutive champion jockey title in April, an incredible achievement in any sport and while some of the writing reflecting upon his remarkable career has read like an obituary at times, one feature that is emphasised time and again is the Ulsterman's incredible bravery.

John Carter would agree and probably suggest that all 450-odd professional jockeys working across both horse racing codes possess similar levels of courage as the man at the top of the jockey's tree. Most can recount a notorious catalogue of broken bones, chipped teeth and worse, yet very few would want to do anything different.

Indeed, Carter interviews one former jockey who, when aged 28, suffered a fall which left him in an induced coma for six weeks. Thirty years later, he is still unable to ride, yet after three decades of mental anguish, Carter is astonished to learn that the man wouldn't have lived his life any differently.

Warriors on Horseback is, therefore, an appropriate title to describe jockeys from the 80-something Willie Smith, to 17-year-old amateur Holie Doyle, but there are plenty of other, peripheral characters who ensure that jockeys are well prepared to face a succession of uncompromising challenges. I was particularly interested in Phil Taylor, the Master Jockey's Valet who tours the National Hunt circuit for up to 330 days a year, a tale surely worthy of a separate tome.

The sporting version of mortal danger is actually miles away from the real thing encountered by our Armed Forces, but this minor criticism aside, you cannot fail to be impressed by the bravery and courage of the warriors about whom Mr Carter writes.

QUIZ QUESTION:

We've teamed up with Sports Book of the Month and have a copy of *Warriors on Horseback* to give away.

To win this week's sports book, go to their website (sportsbookofthemonth.com) and answer the following question:

In what year did AP McCoy win his first champion jockey title?



NO NEED FOR ENGLISH CITY FRANCHISES



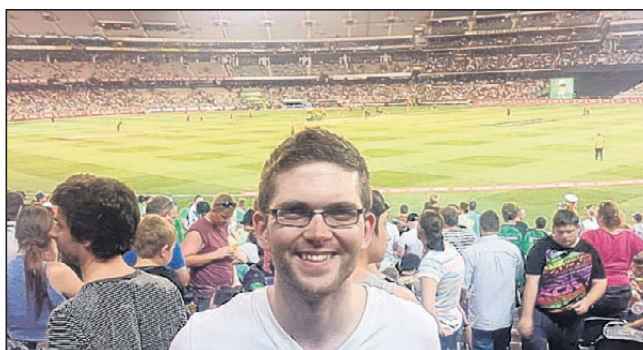
IT'S a question weighing on the minds of the top brass in English cricket.

With the overseas success of Twenty20 franchise-style tournaments is it time to adopt this system in England?

The best players in the world have flocked to the Indian Premier League and Australia's KFC Big Bash League as almost mercenaries for hire – big gun batsmen or bowlers available for the highest price, writes **JOE CURTIS**.

Chris Gayle is the obvious example – playing for Twenty20 franchises in India, Australia, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, the Caribbean and Zimbabwe.

Then there's Shahid Afridi, a former Hampshire overseas player who has appeared in five Twenty20 tournaments worldwide while soon to be Hampshire bowler Yasir Arafat played for Perth Scorchers in this year's



FACE IN THE CROWD: Joe Curtis at the MCG.

BBL and has also competed in the Bangladeshi competition.

Franchise tournaments are smaller with eight teams battling it out rather than the 18 competing in the NatWest T20 Blast.

No doubt it produces exciting

cricket and a chance to see unlikely partnerships at the crease, but some argue it takes the soul out of the game and stunts the development of homegrown players.

I recently had my first experience of franchise cricket last

month during a trip to Australia where I was one of 35,000 who saw the Melbourne Stars take on the Scorchers at the MCG – although the Australian teams are nowhere near as multinational as in India.

One of the main reasons for picking this game was the prospect of seeing current Hampshire batsman Michael Carberry taking on his ex-county teammate Kevin Pietersen.

As it happened, neither made much impression, with Pietersen then leading run-scorer in the tournament – bowled first ball and Carberry never making it out to the pitch due to the form of Perth's top order – even though he was batting at four!

It was Melbourne's hometown hero Peter Handscomb who ended up being the star of the show – hitting the winning six with three balls to go to chase down Perth's total of 179 while simultaneously securing his century.

It meant the 23-year-old wicket-

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GAME TO EMBRACE

CUP OF JOY: Hampshire's Michael Carberry, left, and Yasir Arafat, fourth left, celebrate victory in the Big Bash final with their Perth Scorchers teammates.



"As long as Hampshire remains competitive in the system they are part of, I see no reason to change the status quo anytime soon"

keeper poured cold water on the argument the franchise system stops young home-grown talent emerging.

But closer to home Hampshire have proved you don't need big names to be successful – with a core group of young players like James Vince, Danny Briggs and Michael Bates the bedrock of the side that won two Twenty20 Cups and the CB40 Trophy in the past five years.

When it comes to atmosphere, the MCG rivalled the best I've come across in England at Test matches, county games and Twenty20 ties at the Ageas Bowl, Lord's, Taunton and Edgbaston.

This was the best Twenty20 game I have ever seen live – not just for the spectacle of the occasion but because Melbourne turned what was a flat and wicket-filled run chase into a superb victory.

The 100,000 capacity ground dwarfs the home of Hampshire

Cricket but when it comes to the spectators we really aren't so different regardless of nationality.

Not only were Mexican waves annoyingly common but the Aussies at the match were just as keen on drinking, or 'sculling', as much beer as they can while inflatable balls were batted around by fans young and old.

Entry was much cheaper at \$20AUS, around £12 or half the price of an adult ticket at the Ageas Bowl, while the price of a pint was practically the same.

And the celebrations were also similar with music played at every boundary and wicket, and a firework finale following

Melbourne's win.

Perhaps the highlight was when a seagull was 'apparently' killed when bravely intercepting a cover drive heading straight for the boundary and four precious runs for Perth – only to miraculously return to life an over later to the roars of the crowd.

I know that resurrection would have prompted the exact same response in England – although Hampshire officials might not have lofted the bird above their heads in celebration as Melbourne's staff did once the Stars completed their unlikely comeback.

And I've never felt more

English when complaining about the sheer amount of people going to and from their seats as the match was going on.

It's just not cricket.

But where we are far superior in England is the availability of food and drink – with the queues for drinks at the MCG astounding given most of the beer is pre-poured and sitting on the side of a kiosk just waiting to be taken to a till.

There are lessons we can both learn from each other's games and grounds.

But as long as Hampshire remains competitive in the system they are part of, I see no reason to change the status quo anytime soon.

There's no doubt franchises have changed the face of cricket as we know it but to adopt it in England would require a massive upheaval and there's no need for that as our system is working so well.

Sports Quiz

- Who has scored the most one-day international centuries for England?
- Who is the only foreigner to have coached the Scotland national football team?
- How many times have the United States and Europe tied in the Ryder Cup?
- Which two rugby league teams have won the most Super League titles with six each?
- What nationality is tennis player Simona Halep?
- How old is Leicester manager Nigel Pearson?
- Jessica Ennis-Hill has won how many world championship medals?
- Who is the coach of Salford Red Devils?
- Michael Clarke has played for which English county?
- With which club did England centre Luther Burrell start his career?
- On which island was Mario Balotelli born?
- The 2015 Cricket World Cup final will be staged in which city?
- How many caps did Gavin Henson win for Wales?
- Nigel Pearson, pictured below, started his managerial career at which club?



- Which team has the longest name in the NBA?
- Which cricketer has played the most Test matches for England?
- Antonio Valencia joined Wigan from which Spanish club?
- In which city is Newlands Stadium situated?
- Which team have reached the last four NBA Finals?
- Who is the defending US Open champion in golf?
- Which country finished bottom of the Six Nations table in 2013?
- Who is the only player to have scored two Twenty20 International centuries?
- Who scored the only goal in the 1998 Champions League final between Real Madrid and Juventus?
- Who was the first world number one following the creation of the official golf rankings in 1886?
- Which NFL team play their home matches at Lambeau Field?

ANSWERS

1 Marcus Trescothick (12); 2 Bert Langer; 25 The Green Bay Packers; 23 Predrag Mijatovic; 24 Bernhard; 12 France; 22 Brendon McCullum; 19 Miami Heat; 20 Martin Kaymer; (133); 17 Williams; 18 Cape Town; Timmerhovius; 16 Alec Stewart; Carlisle; 15 Minnesota; Sicily; 12 Melbourne; 13 33; 14 Hampshire; 10 Leeds Carnegie; 11 51; 7 Two; 8 Iestyn Harris; 9 and Leeds Rhinos; 5 Romanian; 6 Vogts; 3 Once (1989); 4 St Helens; 14

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Australia are too good for England

ENGLAND suffered a crushing 111-run defeat to Australia to begin their World Cup campaign in Melbourne.

England were made to pay for dropping centurion Aaron Finch in the first over of the game, and before he had scored, as a side with seven World Cup debutants were powerfully cast aside in front of 84,336 fans at the MCG.

Australia plundered 342 for nine – the highest score England had ever conceded at a World Cup – and the reply could only muster 231 in 41.5 overs.

To add to England's woes, out-of-sorts skipper Eoin Morgan made his third successive duck against Australia and has now managed just two runs from his past five innings.

James Taylor offered some solace with an unbeaten 98 and Steven Finn claimed a hat-trick, from the final three balls of Australia's innings, but even that was overshadowed by a Valentine's Day to forget. All-rounder Mitchell Marsh did most of the damage with a career-best five for 33.

With an equally-difficult looking clash with the other tournament co-hosts New Zealand next up in Wellington, England will have plenty to ponder.

Most significantly Morgan's men will head across the Tasman Sea with the knowledge that there is a sizeable gap – powerfully illustrated by Australia – between them and the tournament favourites.

The issue of their captain's chronic lack of runs will also follow them while a sloppy display in the field allowed Finch to lay the foundation for the one-sided result as he hit 135 from 128 balls on his home ground.

Even after he departed Australia were able to take 105 runs from the final 10 overs.

England's reply never got off the ground as Moeen Ali was caught in the ring trying to heave Mitchell Starc.

Marsh, who would not have even been in Australia's team if fellow all-rounder James Faulkner was fit, then took the next five wickets to effectively end the contest and leave the Mitchell England had feared most, Johnson, to cool his heels.

Taylor added some respectability as he profited on a rare Finch error, dropping him in the deep, to bring up his fifty with a six off Marsh and added 92 with Woakes for the seventh wicket.

The end came in farcical circumstances when Taylor correctly reviewed an lbw decision, but after Anderson was caught short of his ground at the other end, he was unusually given out to leave his partner agonisingly short of his century.

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CELEBRATE: England batsman Joe Root trudges off after being dismissed against Australia.



England with a

EIOIN Morgan has called on his senior players to lead from the front after England were thumped by Australia in their World Cup opener.

An England team with seven World Cup debutants were outplayed from start to finish as they endured a horror opening night to lose by 111 runs in front of an MCG full house.

Their problems began from the very first over, when centurion Aaron Finch was dropped before he had scored, before Mitchell Marsh's international career-best five for 33 effectively ended the contest early.

Morgan's night was further soured as his miserable run continued with his third successive duck against Australia. The skipper now has just two runs in his past five innings.

But perhaps his most pressing need is to lift his squad after they were handed a powerful illustration of the gap between them and the tournament favourites.

"Certainly first point of call is to turn to senior players and ask them to lead from the front," Morgan said.

"Every game you want your senior players to lead from the front especially when you play against a side that's been on a bit of a run. Friday will be no different."

England's task gets no easier with the other fancied co-hosts, New Zealand, next up in Wellington on Friday.

Defeat would not be a hammer blow to their first ambition of reaching the quarter-finals and Morgan said his team would quickly bounce back from their Melbourne setback.

"It's not a big challenge. We said our first two games of the tournament would be our toughest in the group," he said.

"To come out of them with results would give us huge confidence. We're still at that stage.



CELEBRATE: Australia's cricketers

We're still focusing on getting to the quarter-finals and building the further we get into the tournament.

"As regards to Friday we'll regroup assess and see what

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start World Cup crushing defeat



celebrate taking the wicket of England's Moeen Ali during their Cricket World Cup pool A match in Melbourne, we've done wrong."

Morgan remained defiant over his own troubles too after he was out playing a poor-looking shot for the second successive game.

Asked if he was now concerned by his run, he said: "After that dismissal I don't think so. I tolerated a pull.

"I'm quite honest with things normally. I'm a nick-off candi-

date massively. If I was nicking off every ball that I'd got I'd be worried, but I'm not. I'm getting out in different ways.

"Moving forward I'll be trying to spend as much time in the

middle as possible."

Morgan's form has drawn public criticism from former England captain Geoffrey Boycott, who this week claimed the ODI skipper was overrated.

"Geoffrey tends to be critical 24/7," Morgan said.

"Certainly people within the team – it falls on deaf ears."

England could take some positives away from the MCG, however, with James Taylor hitting an unbeaten 98 while Steven Finn claimed a hat-trick from the final three balls of Australia's innings.

He became the first England bowler to achieve the rare feat at a World Cup, although his celebrations were muted after Australia had posted 342 for nine.

England then collapsed to 92 for six in reply before Taylor showed his defiance, and class, as he fell just shy of a maiden ODI century.

"It was outstanding. It was typical James Taylor," Morgan said.

"He got himself in, scored in different areas and managed to take advantage of being in. These are qualities we're looking for – guys who can not only get 60 or 40 but guys who can go on and potentially win a game for us."

Taylor was denied his century in farcical circumstances when James Anderson was incorrectly adjudged to be run out to finish the match.

Taylor had correctly reviewed an lbw decision against him, but umpires Aleem Dar and Kumar Dharmasena then opted to check the replay which showed Anderson had been run out at the other end.

The International Cricket Council's playing control team later said that an error had been made when Anderson was given run out and that the ball should have been declared dead.

Anderson 'not out' in farcical finish for England

THE International Cricket Council has taken the unusual step to confirm that James Anderson was incorrectly given out at the end of England's defeat to Australia in their World Cup opener.

Anderson was adjudged run out in a farcical end to the match as both sets of players were left unsure by the ruling of on-field officials Aleem Dar, pictured below, and Kumar Dharmasena – who have both previously won the ICC Umpires of the Year award.

James Taylor had correctly reviewed an lbw decision, but replays also showed that Anderson had been caught short of his ground and Dharmasena gave him out.

The ICC revealed in a statement, issued just over an hour after the game, that the ball should have been called dead and that they had met with the England management to con-



firm the error.

"Following Australia's 111-run victory over England in the Group A ICC Cricket World Cup clash at Melbourne Cricket Ground on Saturday night, the Playing Control Team (PCT) met and reviewed the final ball of the game which resulted in James Anderson being given run out," the statement read.

"Article 3.6a of Appendix 6 of the Decision Review System (DRS) Playing Conditions states that the ball should have been deemed dead when the batsman (James Taylor) was given out leg before wicket (lbw). No further runs or dismissals were possible.

"The PCT spoke to the England team management and acknowledges that the game ended incorrectly and an error was made."

Australia opener Aaron Finch, who hit a match-winning century, admitted the hosts had no idea of the rule themselves.

"We had no idea what was going on," he said.

"We appealed for an lbw, we appealed for a run-out. We would've taken anything at the time.

"I still don't know the rule to be honest. Maybe it was a dead-ball, but I haven't seen the rule."

Sherwood named Villa manager

FORMER Portsmouth midfielder Tim Sherwood has been appointed the new manager of Aston Villa.

The 46-year-old, who was most recently in charge of Tottenham, takes over the Barclays Premier League club from Paul Lambert, who was sacked on Wednesday.

It means he will lead the Birmingham-based club when they come to St Mary's for Saints' last home game of the season, on May 16.

A statement on Villa's website read: "Aston Villa Football Club are delighted to announce the appointment of Tim Sherwood as our new manager."

"Tim, 46, joins after a long and successful coaching career with Tottenham, culminating in a short but successful period as manager, and has agreed a contract that will see him take charge until the end of season 2017-18."

Sherwood had recently been linked with the likes of West Brom and QPR.

His stint as boss at Tottenham, who he used to play for, was his first and only previous spell as a



TIM SHERWOOD

number one and lasted for five months up to the end of the 2013-14 season, with him being sacked after guiding Spurs to a sixth-placed finish in the table.

He had previously spent five years on the coaching staff with the London club.

On his appointment at Villa, Sherwood said: "It is a great honour to manage one of the biggest clubs in English football."

"I can't wait to get started and I'm really looking forward to the challenge."

Villa chief executive Tom Fox said: "Randy (Lerner, the Villa chairman) and I are really pleased that Tim has decided to join the club."

"Tim had a fantastic career at Tottenham, not only in his brief spell as first-team manager but, just as importantly, in the role he played in developing young talent."

"We are determined to build a football operation with a long-term vision and a commitment to youth development."

"We strongly believe Tim has the qualities to get the best out of our current squad and help us build and develop for the future."



RING ROYALTY: Rishi Ghosh as the Prince of Mumbai.

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CROWDS were wowed at Rumble Mania wrestling show in Southampton last weekend.

The Solent Wrestling Federation's latest WWE-style contest saw the sport's regional juggernauts battle it out for status as top dog, *writes PETER HOWARD.*

The event was held at the city's Chamberlayne Leisure Centre, in front of a sell-out crowd, who watched two hours of non-stop blockbuster action.

Southampton legend Kris Kay took on former household name from ITV's World of Sport programme, Superstar Mal Sanders, in a British Rules match at the top of the bill.

Woolston-based Kay came away victorious after Sanders was disqualified.

Southampton's Dan Curtis – known in the ring as Crusher – was crowned champion of the grand finale royal rumble, which saw all the wrestlers take to the ring in a last man standing contest.

EXPLOSIVE

Crusher was helped to victory by Ian Logan, who tripped James Kenna the Mighty Oak out of the ring to leave Crusher the winner.

Kay poured further heat on an explosive evening as he challenged Logan and Crusher, working in partnership with Oak, to a grudge 'tag team championship' match at the next show.

That event will take place at Chamberlayne Leisure Centre on June 13 and will feature the return of Erin Angel for a 'mixed tag match'.

"Every wrestler appearing on the show said how awesome it is to get wrestling back on the table in Southampton," said Kay.

"The atmosphere was fantastic and the show was only made possible by the amazing fans that turn out," he added.

In the other fights Rishi Ghosh known as the Prince of Mumbai and El Technico Supremo claimed bragging rights, winning their individual tussles.



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WARM WELCOME: El Techino Supremo makes his entrance.

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Newport are kings of the one-goal win

"ONE-nil to the Newport" should become the song of choice at St George's Park.

Rather like George Graham's Arsenal, the Islanders have become masters of winning by a single goal.

After squeezing past Bemerton and Fawley on the road, Port celebrated their third 1-0 victory in the space of eight days when Tom McInnes 29th-minute strike saw off Whitchurch United last Saturday.

That priceless nine-point haul moved them back up to eighth in the Sydenhams Premier Division table, stopping the rot of six league games without a win.

They dropped a place to ninth as Portchester continued to climb the table with a 2-1 win at Moneyfield on Tuesday, but there is a real air of confidence back in the camp after a difficult spell.

Professing himself "delighted" with the turnaround, Port boss Steve Brougham said: "When we got that first win at Bemerton, we then went to Fawley and again played well and then today (against Whitchurch) was a great performance."

"The football was good and everyone knows what they're doing in the team."

"We've got a good system and everyone's working to it – and that is key."

COMPETITION

"In the last three games there hasn't been a bad player and that includes when we've had to make changes."

"There is competition for places now, which is healthy, and every single player needs praising for their performances."

"Whitchurch are having a really good season. They beat Winchester City last week, so I'm delighted with the performance and the result."

Confident that Port's mid-season slump is now behind them, Brougham added: "There is a different feel about the club now. You know when you're having a bad run, you feel it in the dressing room. It happens at all levels of football and everyone is a little bit down."

"But now we're really buzzing in the dressing room, the confidence has returned and it's a joy to be involved. That's what you're in football for. Sometimes you have to play yourself through these bad patches and we've done that to be fair."

After a three-hour long meeting organised by Newport's owners, The Supporters' Trust, no chairperson has yet been appointed following the recent resignation of Paul Phelps.

Three directors – Robert Foad, Mike West and David Hayles – will combine to fill that role on a temporary basis while a permanent replacement is sought.

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Blackburn 4	Stoke 1
King 36, 50, 55	Crouch 10
Gestede 45 pen	
HT 2-1	Att 13,934
Crystal P L	Liverpool L
Derby City 1	Reading 2
Bent 61	Robson-Kanu 53
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Barclays Premier League

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Chelsea	25	11	1	0	26	4	7	4	2	29	17	59	
Man City	25	7	3	2	21	12	8	4	1	30	13	52	
Man Utd	25	10	1	2	28	10	3	7	2	15	14	47	
SAINTS	25	7	3	2	24	8	7	1	4	14	9	46	
Arsenal	25	8	3	1	28	11	5	3	5	19	17	45	
Tottenham	25	7	2	4	20	15	6	2	4	19	19	43	
Liverpool	25	6	5	2	20	13	6	1	5	16	16	42	
West Ham	25	7	3	3	20	11	3	5	4	16	17	38	
Swansea	25	6	4	3	17	14	3	3	6	11	19	34	
Stoke	25	5	2	5	16	17	4	4	5	12	16	33	
Newcastle	25	5	4	3	18	17	3	4	6	13	20	32	
Everton	25	3	6	3	17	16	3	3	7	14	19	27	
Crystal P	25	3	3	6	13	17	3	6	4	14	18	27	
W.B.A.	25	4	3	6	16	19	2	5	5	8	15	26	
Sunderland	25	2	6	5	12	18	2	6	4	10	18	24	
Hull	25	3	3	6	12	15	2	5	6	11	19	23	
Q.P.R.	25	5	4	4	18	16	1	0	11	8	27	22	
A. Villa	25	2	5	5	8	15	3	2	8	4	19	22	
Burnley	25	3	5	5	13	18	1	4	7	11	25	21	
Leicester	25	2	4	6	13	17	2	1	10	9	23	17	

SkyBet Championship

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Madine 45	Blackstock 68
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HT 1-0	Att 11,712
Bolton 3	Watford 4
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	Ekstrand 74
HT 2-1	Deeney 90
	Att 14,230
CHERRIES 1	Huddersfld 1
Kermorgant 16	Vaughan 65
HT 1-0	Att 10,007
Charlton 3	Brentford 0
Gudmundsson 27	
Vetokela 55	
Bulot 90	
HT 1-0	
Fulham 1	Ipswich 2
McCormack 74	Murphy 54
HT 0-2	Att 19,816
Leeds Utd 1	Millwall 0
Mowatt 39	
HT 1-0	Att 24,000
Norwich 2	Wolves 0
Johnson 28	
Grabbarn 67	
HT 1-0	Att 26,322
Sheff Wed 0	Brighton 0
HT 0-0	Att 19,274

	HOME						AWAY						
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CHERRIES	31	8	5	3	30	20	9	3	3	35	12	59	
Middlesbro	30	9	4	2	29	9	8	4	3	19	11	59	
Derby City	30	9	4	2	34	13	8	3	4	24	15	58	
Ipswich	31	10	3	2	25	9	6	6	4	25	22	57	
Watford	31	9	3	3	36	16	8	2	6	27	21	56	
Norwich	31	8	5	3	38	18	7	3	5	21	18	53	
Brentford	31	8	3	4	25	18	8	1	7	21	24	52	
Wolves	31	7	4	4	18	15	6	5	5	20	25	48	
Blackburn	30	8	4	3	24	16	3	5	7	16	24	42	
Nottm For	31	5	5	5	24	21	5	6	5	23	25	41	
Sheff Wed	31	3	8	5	8	13	6	5	4	15	15	40	
Leeds Utd	31	7	4	5	17	13	3	4	8	16	27	38	
Birmingham	30	5	4	6	18	25	4	7	4	14	16	38	
Huddersfld	31	6	4	5	21	21	4	4	8	20	32	38	
Bolton	31	7	5	4	28	21	3	2	10	12	27	37	
Reading	30	7	3	5	21	15	3	4	8	14	30	37	
Cardiff	30	8	2	5	23	20	1	7	7	14	23	36	
Charlton	31	5	8	3	20	16	2	7	6	11	25	36	
Fulham	31	7	3	6	25	20	3	2	10	19	35	35	
Rotherham	30	5	5	5	18	20	2	7	6	11	18	33	
Brighton	31	3	6	6	17	20	3	7	6	15	19	31	
Millwall	31	3	4	8	16	27	4	5	7	12	21	30	
Wigan	30	2	7	6	15	17	2	3	10	12	25	22	
Blackpool	31	4	4	8	15	25	0	5	10	12	35	21	

SkyBet League One

Bristol C 1	Sheff Utd 3
M Smith 41	Done 54, 77
	Murphy 82
HT 1-0	Att 11,767

Chesterfld 2	Leyton O 3
O Shea 19 pen	Mooney 35, 70
Omazulu 54 og	Cox 90
HT 1-1	Att 6,524
Crawley 5	Barnsley 1
Molloy 45, 73, 83	Hemmings 65
Bradley 48	
Elliott 59	
HT 1-0	Att 2,296
Crewe 2	Fleetwood Town 0
Ajose 42	
Haber 59	
HT 1-0	Att 4,135
Doncaster 3	Yeovil 0
Tyson 22	
Furman 57	
Bennett 77	
HT 1-0	Att 5,950
Gillingham 4	M K Dons 2
McDonald 9	Cole 36
Dack 38	Reeves 67 pen
Garmston 75	
Marquis 81	
HT 2-1	Att 5,107
Oldham 0	Colchester 1
	Szmodics 2
HT 0-1	Att 5,668
Peterboro 2	Rochdale 1
Beattyman 4	Rafferty 24
Burgess 7	
HT 2-1	Att 5,163
Scunthorpe 3	Swindon 1
Madden 62	Smith 44
Canavan 76	
van Veen 79	
HT 0-1	Att 3,763
Walsall 0	Port Vale 1
	Pope 28
HT 0-1	Att 4,504

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bristol C	29	11	2	2	29	13	7	5	2	25	13	61	
Swindon	30	9	3	2	26	13	8	3	5	30	19	57	
M K Dons	30	10	3	2	36	12	6	5	4	26	19	56	
Preston	29	7	6	1	24	15	8	2	5	20	13	53	
Sheff Utd	28	7	4	3	20	12	6	2	6	19	20	45	
Oldham	30	7	4	4	23	20	4	6	5	18	21	43	
Chesterfld	30	7	4	5	26	21	4	5	5	18	20	42	
Doncaster	29	4	4	6	12	15	7	5	3	24	18	42	
Bradford	28	5	4	6	19	20	6	4	3	18	13	41	
Peterboro	30	6	3	7	18	21	6	2	6	20	17	41	
Fleetwood T	31	5	7	3	16	15	6	1	9	14	17	41	
Gillingham	31	8	4	4	29	23	3	4	8	15	24	41	
Walsall	30	5	5	6	18	20	5	5	4	14	12	40	
Port Vale	31	7	3	5	22	20	4	3	9	16	25	39	
Rochdale	28	4	3	6	17	17	7	2	6	33	23	38	
Notts Cnty	29	4	2	8	15	20	6	6	3	16	15	38	
Crewe	30	7	3	6	17	24	4	2	8	14	27	38	
Scunthorpe	28	5	2	7	15	21	5	5	4	26	23	37	
Barnsley	30	7	2	6	27	24	3	3	9	12	24	35	
Coventry	30	4	7	4	16	20	3	4	8	14	21	32	
Colchester	30	3	2	9	16	25	5	5	6	20	25	31	
Crawley	31	6	5	5	21	26	1	4	10	11	29	30	
Leyton O	29	2	3	9	16	23	5	5	5	22	23	29	
Yeovil	31	3	5	7	8	20	4	2	10	15	25	28	

SkyBet League Two

Burton Albion 2	Oxford Utd 0
McGurk 13	
Akins 89	
HT 1-0	Att 2,954
Cheltenham 1	Bury 2
Johnstone 24	Mayor 4
	Rose 17
HT 1-2	Att 2,375
Hartlepool 1	Stevenage 3
Fenwick 49	Martin 38
	Kennedy 52, 65
HT 0-1	Att 3,388
Luton 1	Carlisle 0
Cullen 39	
HT 1-0	Att 8,502
Mansfield 1	Northmptn 1
Oliver 48	Richards 90 pen
HT 0-0	Att 4,614
Plymouth 2	Cambridge 0
Brunt 81	
Alessandra 84	
HT 0-0	Att 6,413
POMPEY 1	Exeter 0
Wallace 90	
HT 0-0	Att 14,097
Shrewsbury 2	AFC Wimbledon 0
Lawrence 45	
Vernon 49	
HT 1-0	Att 4,992
Southend 1	Acc Stanley 2
Corr 72	Mingola 53
	Gornell 71
HT 0-0	Att 5,241
Wycombe 1	Newport County 2
Onyedimma 55	Klukowski 20, 79
HT 0-1	Att 3,196
York 2	Tranmere 0
Fletcher 20, 58	
HT 1-0	Att 3,714

	HOME					AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Shrewsbry	31	13	3	0	32	6	5	4	6	13	14	61	
Burton Albion	31	12	2	2	23	8	6	5	4	20	19	61	
Wycombe	31	7	5	4	19	15	8	6	1	23	10	56	



ON TARGET: West Bromwich Albion's Brown Ideye celebrates scoring their first goal of the game with team-mate Saido Berahino (left) during their FA Cup Fifth Round win over West Ham today

Luton	30	10	4	2	24	9	5	6	3	13	14	55
Southend	31	7	6	3	15	7	8	3	4	19	19	54
Newport City	31	8	5	2	24	14	6	3	7	15	23	50
Plymouth	31	10	3	3	25	7	4	4	7	12	15	49
Bury	31	9	3	3	25	15	5	4	7	17	20	49
Stevenage	31	9	2	4	24	16	4	4	8	18	23	45
Exeter	32	5	6	5	21	21	6	4	6	21	24	43
Northampton	31	8	2	5	28	20	4	3	9	20	22	41
Morecambe	30	6	5	4	15	13	5	3	7	16	16	41
AFC Wdon	30	7	3	5	25	19	4	5	6	15	21	41
Ast Canley	30	7	2	5	20	20	5	1	10	19	30	39
Cambridge	30	6	2	6	23	13	4	5	7	21	25	37
POMPEY	30	8	3	4	24	14	1	7	7	6	19	37
Oxford Utd	31	4	5	6	18	19	4	5	7	15	20	34
Dagenham	30	5	2	8	16	19	4	5	6	16	21	34
Carlisle	31	6	2	7	22	25	4	1	11	16	28	33
York	31	2	8	6	12	17	4	5	6	19	20	32
Mansfield	30	6	5	4	16	14	2	3	10	9	24	32
Tranmere	30	4	6	5	19	18	3	4	8	11	19	31
Cheltham	31	3	7	6	15	21	2	1	9	12	26	30
Hartlepool	31	4	4	8	15	25	2	2	11	9	28	24

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